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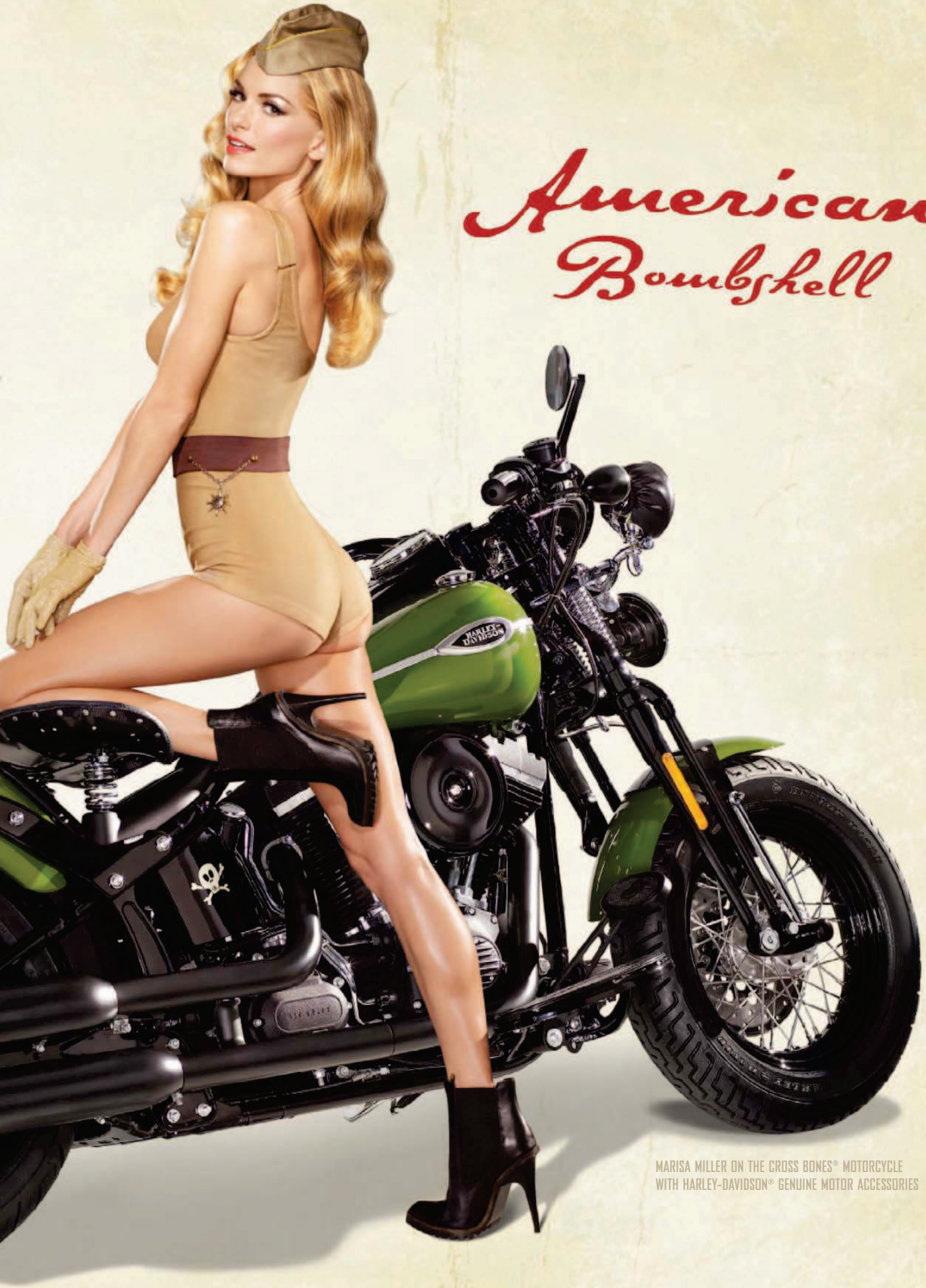

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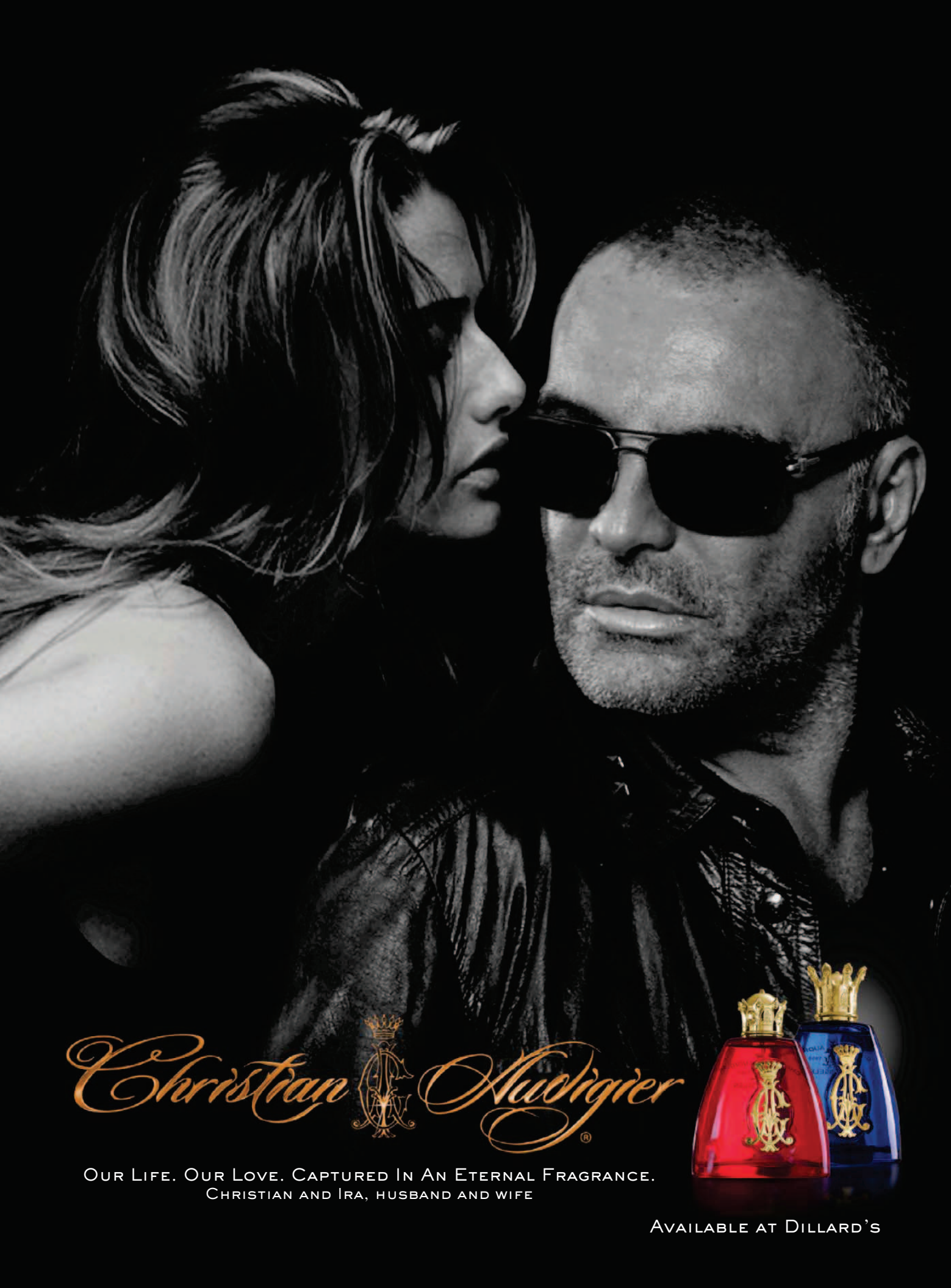

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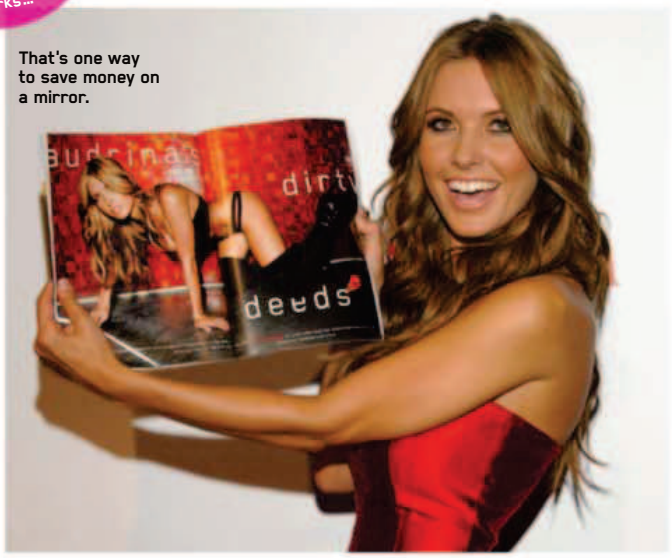

That's one way to save money on a mirror.

First and Last

First-time writer (as of issue 142), longtime subscriber (as of issue 9). I just had to say your cover girl Audrina Patridge looks so-o-o amazing ["Audrina's Dirty Deeds," October], and my wife agrees. Keep up the fantastic work, *Maxim*! ;-)

Tim via e-mail

Really, guy? You ended a letter with an emoticon? You actually said "so-o-o amazing"? Is your wife's name Carl?

Land of the Fat

I read the October letters section. You guys made a comment about "Fat Minnesotans." The problem with the joke? Minnesota is the healthiest state in the country. It's always near the top in health. So may I suggest a redo of the joke with Wisconsin substituted in place? Because those people are fat as hell. Next time just think of Minnesota as southern Canada: smart, healthy, good-looking people. Oh, and one more thing—fuck Wisconsin.

Jayden via e-mail

You want us to think of you as a good-looking Canadian...Is this some kind of come-on? Because we get the same request from Bryan Adams every other day. Take the hint, Adams!

Black or Whine

On your October Decider page ["What Should You Be for Halloween?"], your writers could come up with nothing better than to falsely bash a dead guy—Michael Jackson. Nice way to perpetuate a sick accusation that has already been overturned through the court system. Who gave you guys permission to be stupid?

Sam via e-mail

Uh, you did when you bought the magazine?

Sleeps With the Sushi

I read your investigative feature on the Japanese mafia, the yakuza ["Erase This Story, or We'll Erase You," October], and it was crazy shit. And it didn't surprise me that our government would save a crime lord's life—by allowing him to get a liver transplant in the United States—for information. Great article.

Kellie Mulholland via e-mail

Thanks, Kellie! We've been trying to convince Uncle Sam for years to hook us up with some new organs, but apparently our inside intel that Frankie in accounting is stealing ink-jet cartridges doesn't earn us a new liver.

BIG PUSHER MAN ON CAMPUS

Molly Young's article on prescription drugs ["Generation Pill," October] helps expose a very serious modern-day plague. As a counselor at Rehab After Work, an intensive outpatient drug and alcohol program in Philadelphia, I have personally witnessed the devastation caused by prescription drug addiction. It doesn't take long to get hooked on these poisons. Thank you for giving needed attention to this common affliction.

Mark Sigmund CAC CCDP

Exposing the American student body as the goofball abusers they are is our civic duty. But, hey, Mark...you're cool, right? You like to party? Because we've got a tube of modeling glue and a can of Reddi-wip with your name on it, bro!

DATING FAME! READER ISAAC BEARMAN WON A DATE WITH SUPERMODEL MELISSA BAKER. HERE'S HOW IT WENT.

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU

Melissa Baker: I thought he was very handsome, and I loved how he came as himself in jeans and a T-shirt!

Isaac: I liked that she had her mom with her.

SLICE OF HEAVEN

Melissa: Did the moon hit my eye like a big pizza pie? I don't know if the moon did, but maybe a pepperoni hit someone's eye!

Isaac: Yeah, pizza did hit my face. That's close enough, right?

NOT AT ALL CREEPY

Isaac: I won the contest with a poem, so I had it engraved on some dog tags, which I gave her. I thought it would be nice.

Melissa: No, I wasn't nervous at all. My trainer has taught me well. I have a great uppercut!

SCORE!

Isaac: A second date? There's always a chance...

Melissa: He was a really nice guy! Sure, I would go on another date with him.

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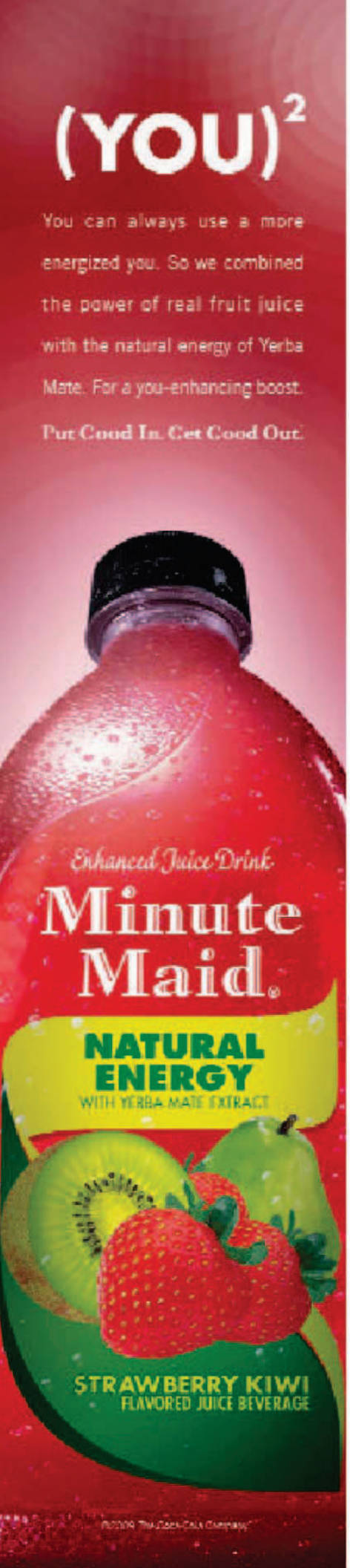
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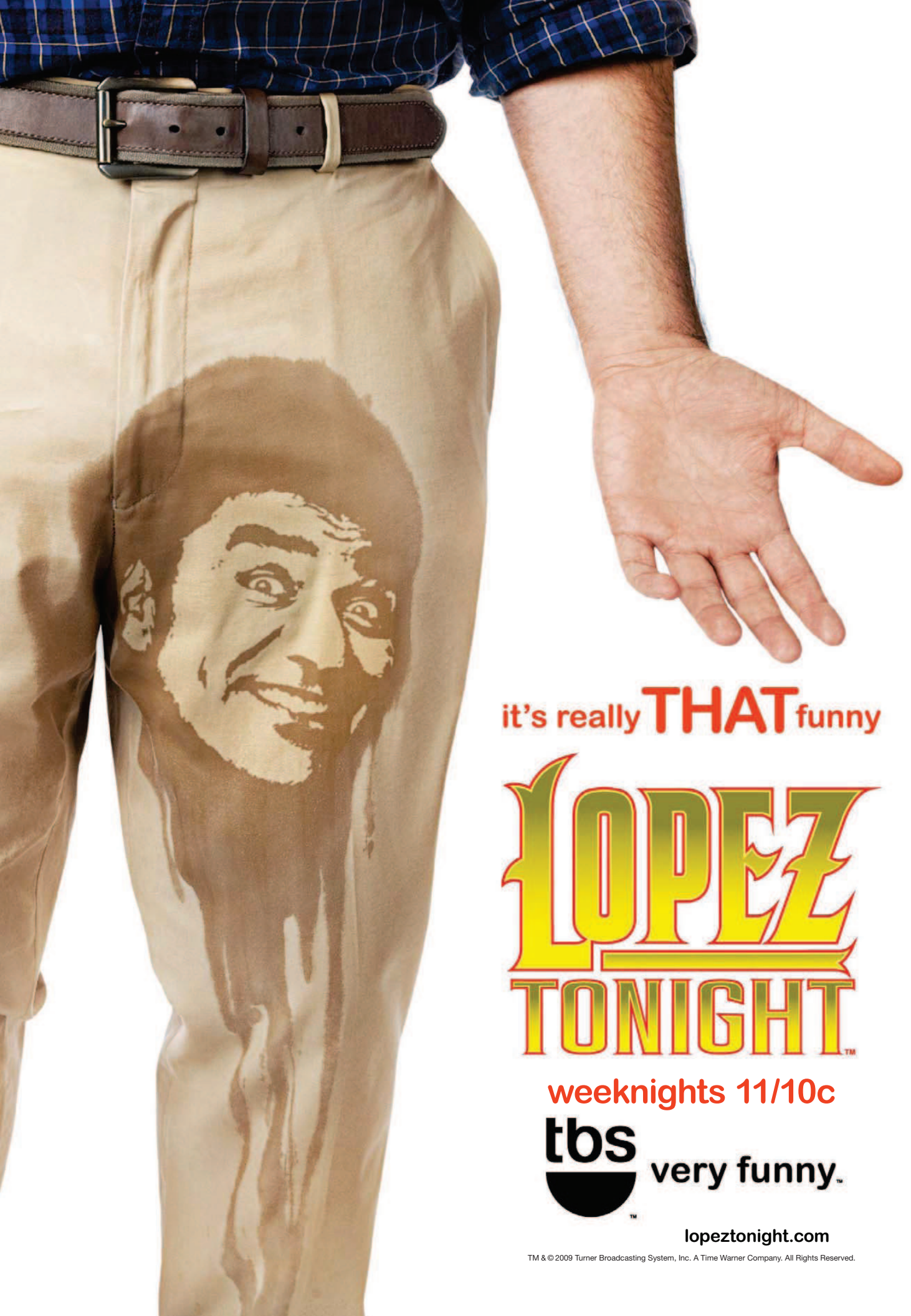

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A guy is driving around and sees a sign in front of a house: TALKING DOG FOR SALE. He rings. The owner takes him out to the backyard, where he sees a Labrador. "You talk?" he asks.

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"Ten dollars? Why on Earth are you selling him so cheap?"

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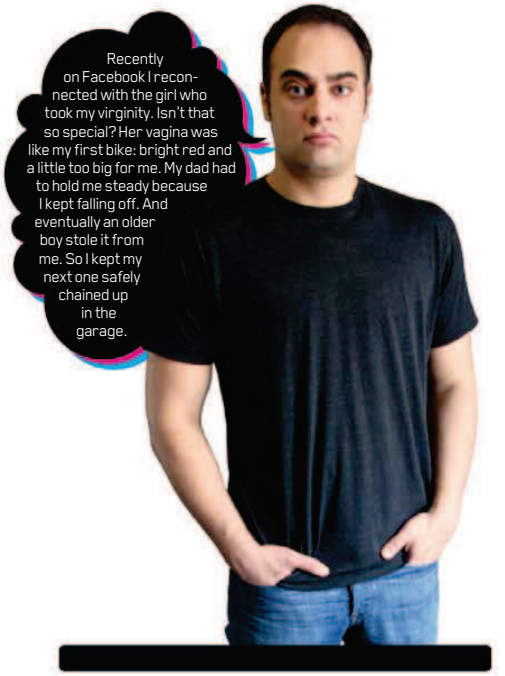
"God, please let me win the lottery." Lottery night comes, and somebody else wins.

She prays again the next night, "God, please let me win the lottery!" Lottery night comes, and she still has no luck.

One last time she prays, "My God, why have you forsaken me? Please let me win the lottery so I can get my life back in order."

Suddenly there's a blinding flash of light, and the voice of God says, "Sweetheart, work with me on this—buy a ticket."


Recently on Facebook I reconnected with the girl who took my virginity. Isn't that so special? Her vagina was like my first bike: bright red and a little too big for me. My dad had to hold me steady because I kept falling off. And eventually an older boy stole it from me. So I kept my next one safely chained up in the garage.

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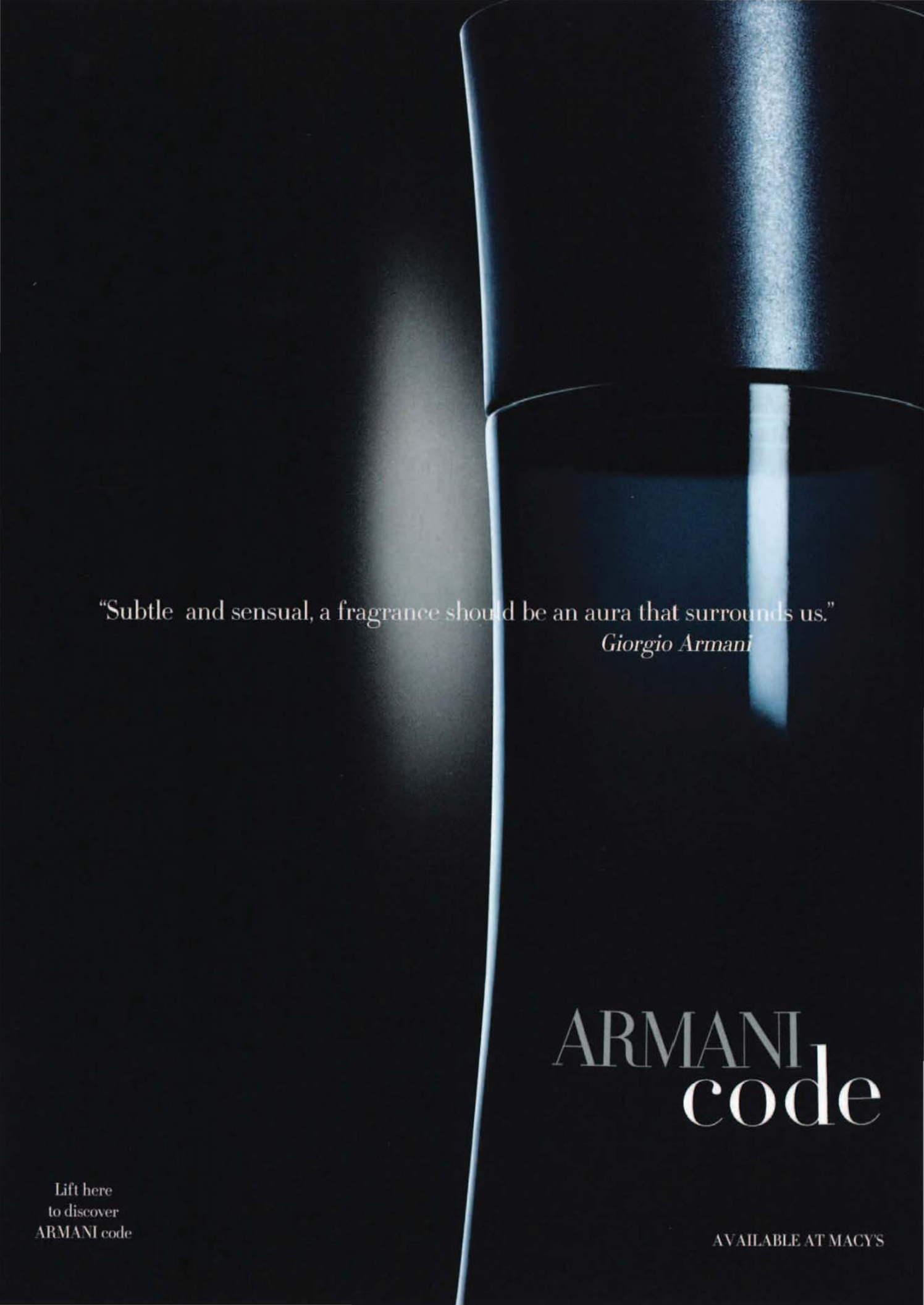
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First Toothache
Kelly (Barbados): One time this guy at a gas station hit on me, and he didn't have a set of teeth! You know what, love? I realize that I'm not Kate Moss, but could you at least have a set of teeth the next time you talk to me? And a Tic Tac."

First Misstep
Lauren (Great Britain): "We were out at the Interscope club, and I stepped on this dude's toe with my four-inch stiletto heels. After he lifted his hoodie, I realized it was Diddy! It was really embarrassing. I told him I was so sorry."

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First Tequila Shot
Chelsea (U.S.A.): "I got home from my first day of ninth grade, and my dad said, 'So now that you're in high school, you'll be be going to a lot of parties.' He taught me how to take a shot without using my hands so I'd never be embarrassed."

First Touch by an Angel
Aria (France): "At a party in Germany, I saw a guy who looked like an angel. We kept staring at each other. He walked over, picked me up without speaking, and took me into a field. We made out for hours. The next day I had love bites everywhere."

First Split Swap
Shar (Philippines): "When I was 11, my best friend and I swapped boyfriends. He told me to close my eyes, then kissed me. It was the best feeling ever."

Catch the Girls on tour now! Their new album comes out next month.

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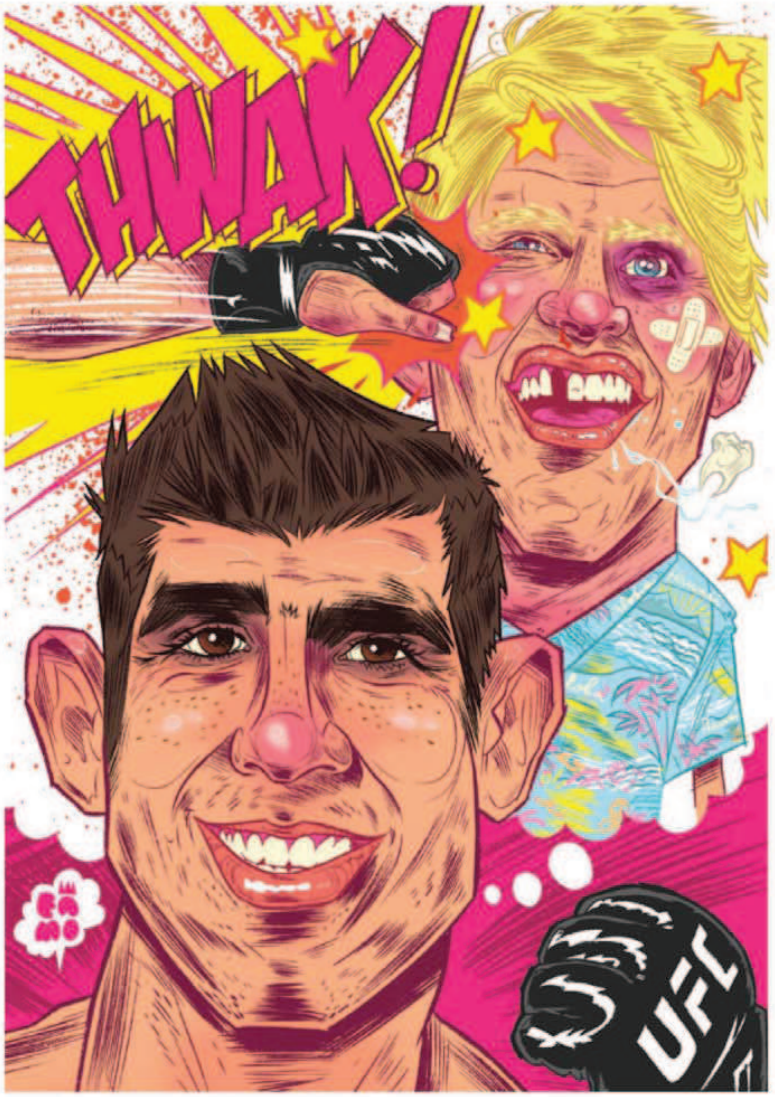
CELEBRITY DEATH MATCHES

UFC LIGHTWEIGHT MAULER KENNY FLORIAN OFFERS A ONE-WAY PASS TO THE OCTAGON FOR HIS LEAST FAVORITE FAMOUS PEOPLE.



SUICIDE IS THE new black! Have you noticed the parade of celebrities willingly walking the last mile into the Octagon? First Jose Canseco got his steroidy skull caved in by a kickboxer this spring, then DMX announced plans for an MMA brawl on December 12. Now we hear Spencer Pratt has called out MMA fighter Jason Chambers in what we hope is a life-halting publicity stunt. We asked Kenny Florian, one of the top-ranked UFC lightweight contenders, how he feels about the bold-name brigade. He cheerfully related a list of the celeb mugs he'd most like to turn into mush.

GARY BUSEY
If there's one guy I could get in the cage, it would be Scary Gary Busey. He's a freakin' Martian. Those kinds of guys never tap out. I'd have to punch him out before he got near me. Who knows what planet that guy's been slummin' around on?

KANYE WEST
Kanye's biggest weapon is his mouth, so I'd have to take that out first. He also can't be trusted—he proved that onstage at the VMAs. He's gonna find out that he's much better off fighting little white girls than going against me.

JON GOSSELIN
Dude drained his kids' bank account, so I'd be providing a public service by putting him in the ground...and I'd have a good time doing it. I don't think he's got the balls to fight back. And he doesn't have a lot of fans, so I think I'd have the crowd advantage.

SIMON COWELL
I kind of admire this dude because he's so ballsy with his opinions. I'm actually a wimp in that area. I'm afraid he might cut me down verbally and hurt my feelings, so I'd have to go fast and just try to choke him till he shuts the hell up.—*Mike Hammer*

BIG NUMBER

40%
OF TWITTER TWEETS fall under the category of "pointless babble," according to a 100 percent obvious study conducted by the Texas-based research firm Pear Analytics.

YOU SEXY THING

THESE AIN'T YOUR GRANDMA'S BEAUTY PAGEANTS (UNLESS SHE HAPPENS TO BE AN AMPUTEE TRANNY WHO LOVES *STAR TREK*).

1 **Miss Klingon Empire Beauty Pageant** Held annually at Dragon*Con, this contest helps lesbian and male Trekkies get through long lonely nights. This year's belle of the ball, nicknamed Warrior Ariam, sang "One Way or Another" as her talent. What's Klingon for "take me now"?

2 **Miss Landmine Cambodia 2009** Missing a body part? Make lemonade out of limblessness! In December one lucky Cambodian landmine victim will win a custom-made prosthetic arm or leg worth $15,000. Hop to miss-landmine.org/cambodia to see who wins!

3 **Jumbo Queen Contest** In Thailand elephants are sacred and elephantine women are da bomb. Contestants at the Jumbo Banquet at the Samphran Elephant Ground & Zoo are judged on grace, elegance, and size. The ability to shake fruit from a tree is a plus.

4 **Miss Plastic Hungary 2009** The inaugural contest in Budapest billed itself as the world's first pageant in which it is compulsory for entrants to have had cosmetic surgery. If you were looking for a good excuse to nab those DDDs, here it is, girlfriend.

5 **Miss International Queen Pageant** Got a P.O. box where a package used to be? Then sign up for this she-male showdown held for international trannies and transgenders in Thailand. The winner gets 10 large and a Facebook friend request from Andy Dick.—*Thomas Gaudio*

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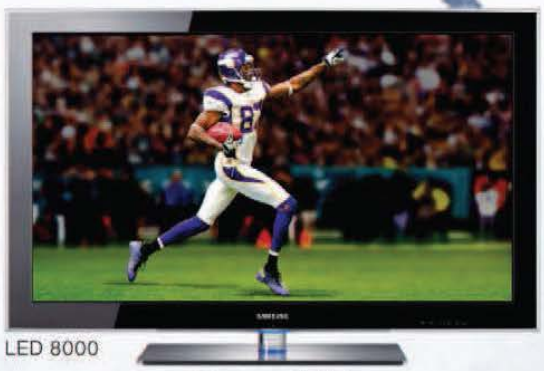

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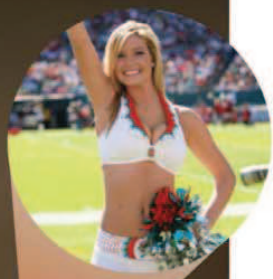

While you might assume that NFL cheerleaders are too busy shaking their pompoms to pay much attention to the game on the field, Lilly Robbins would like to set the record straight. "We watch every single play," says the communications student, one of the squad's four captains this season. Of course, watching every Miami game over the past four years must've been rough. But Lilly can cite a highlight: this year's 38-10 trouncing of Buffalo. "We hadn't won a game yet, and our division is really tough, so that was huge." She wasn't particularly awed by T.O. ("He's just another player"), but there is one non-Dolphin whose play earns her respect: "Brett Favre really impresses me—how smart he is, how he just sits in the pocket, waiting. He always finds a way." You'd do well to trust Lilly's opinion: This is a girl who grew up watching football with her dad—and who might be the only proud OSU fan in Miami. "My family is from Ohio," she explains. "That 2003 national championship against U.M. was awesome. I get a lot of guff down here for it. People call out, 'Cheater!'" They're just trying to get your attention, Lilly.

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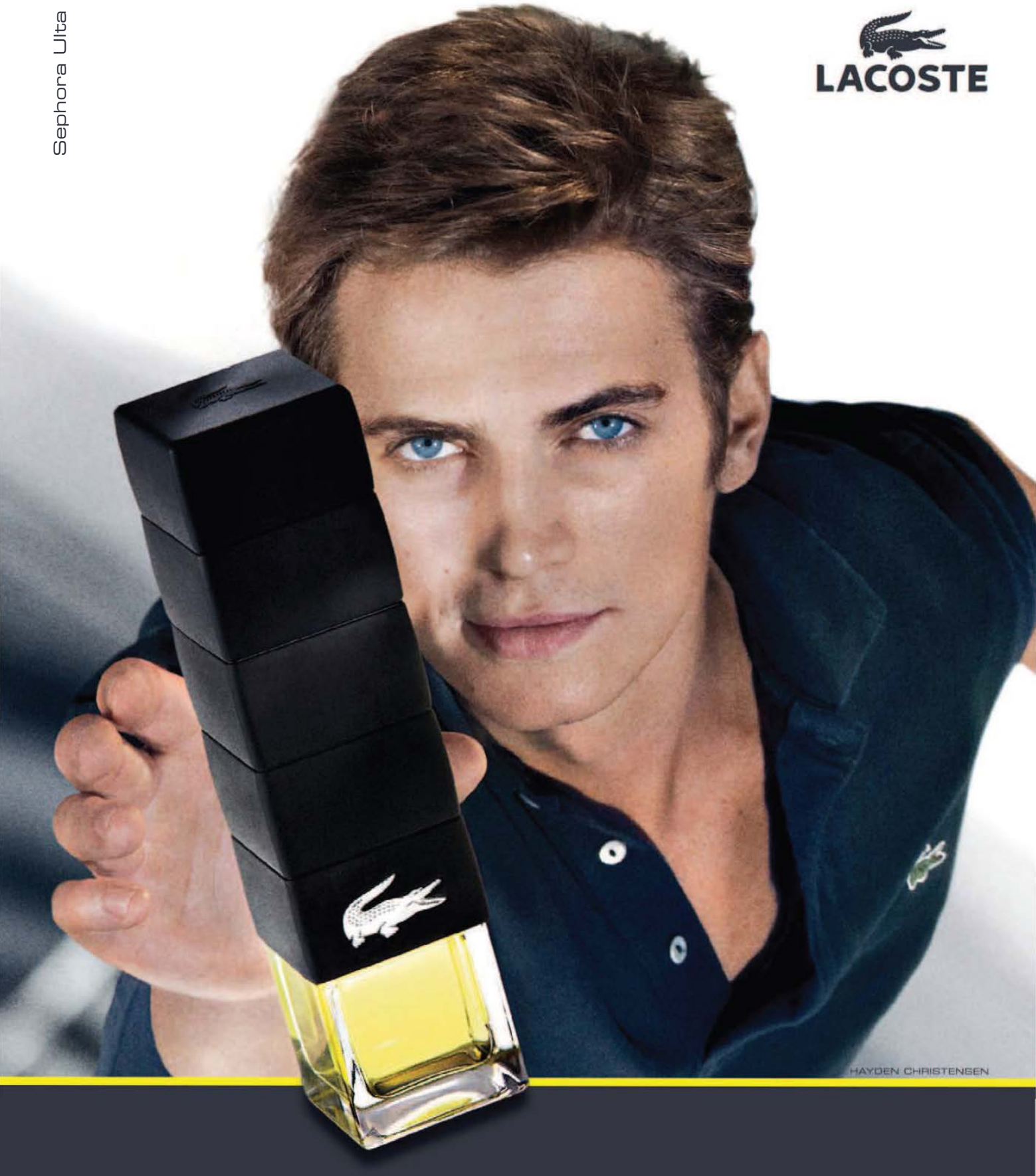

LACOSTE CHALLENGE

THE NEW FRAGRANCE FOR MEN

BODY ART

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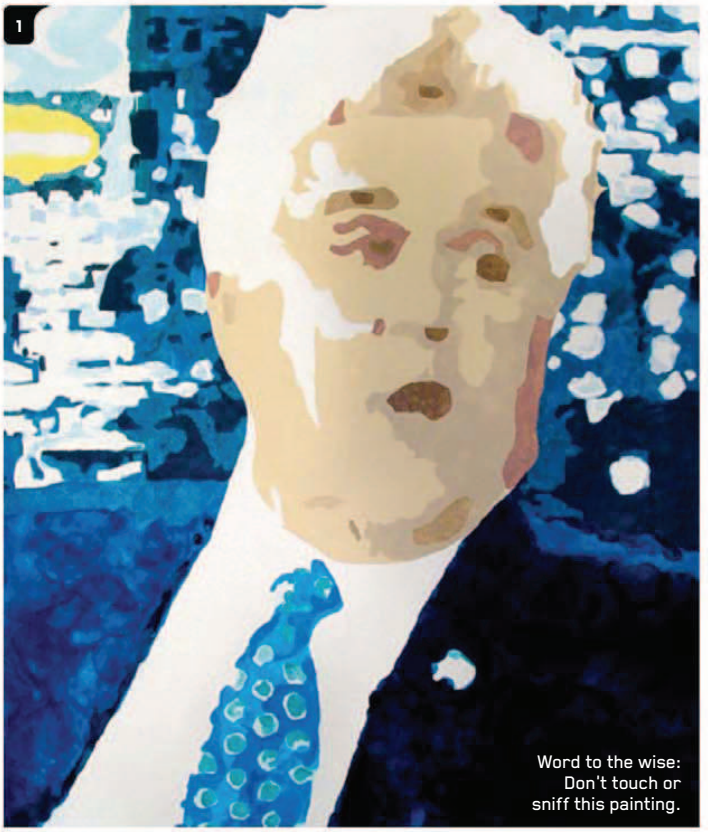

A **TRICKY DICK**
Tim Patch, known as "Pricasso," creates lifelike portraits by dipping his peen in paint and then stroking it, with magical results. Can you spot his work of dart?
Answer:

B **NIPSY RUSSELL**
Kira Varszegi has been using her nipples to make art for nine years. Which of these paintings would be most fun to motorboat?
Answer:

C **DEEP VEE**
Adina Winters discovered her vaginal talents as a stripper, when she'd paint her crotch, pull a guy from the crowd, and sit on him. Now she does it on canvas. (That's also how Van Gogh got his start.) Which was created by a cooter?
Answer:

D **BOTTOMS UP**
When Stan Murmur was given a college assignment to make art with an organic stamping object, he used his ass. He's been squeezing out butt prints ever since. Which is his work of ass-tistry?
Answer:
–Laura Leu

ANSWERS: 1.D; 2.C; 3.B; 4.A

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COACHING KIDS
"I'm the head coach for my son's peewee team, the Pomona Steelers. We're undefeated, baby. The Snoop U of football is teamwork, practicing hard, discipline, having class... but never stop having fun doing it."

WEST COAST SOUND
"EMI just made me the creative chairman for Priority Records to help bring the label back. Priority is where our heritage begins as far as gangsta rap. It will always be the true home to this West Coast music."

EDITING *MAXIM*
"I really like what y'all do with the *Maxim* Hot 100. But I think I can help you make it better. I'll talk to my people, make it happen."
–Mike Dawson

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If you had to choose between modeling and singing, which would it be?
Singing, of course. Modeling is just a hobby.

You have a single called "Summer Night." What do you usually do on a summer night?
I like to go out. I'm always looking for a good party.

What makes a guy attractive to you?
I don't care about a perfect six-pack. It's more important that he bring out a good energy in me.

What's the biggest lie you've ever told a man?
I only tell lies when it's necessary. I've never tricked a man.

So you've never had to use a lie like, "The sex with you was amazing," when in reality the sex was horrible?
No, I don't lie about sex.

Do you have a favorite place away from Greece?
Las Vegas. I'm not really a tree-hugger—I'm a city girl. I'm crazy about America.

If you had to rate your own looks on a scale of 1 to 10, what would you give yourself?
An 11.

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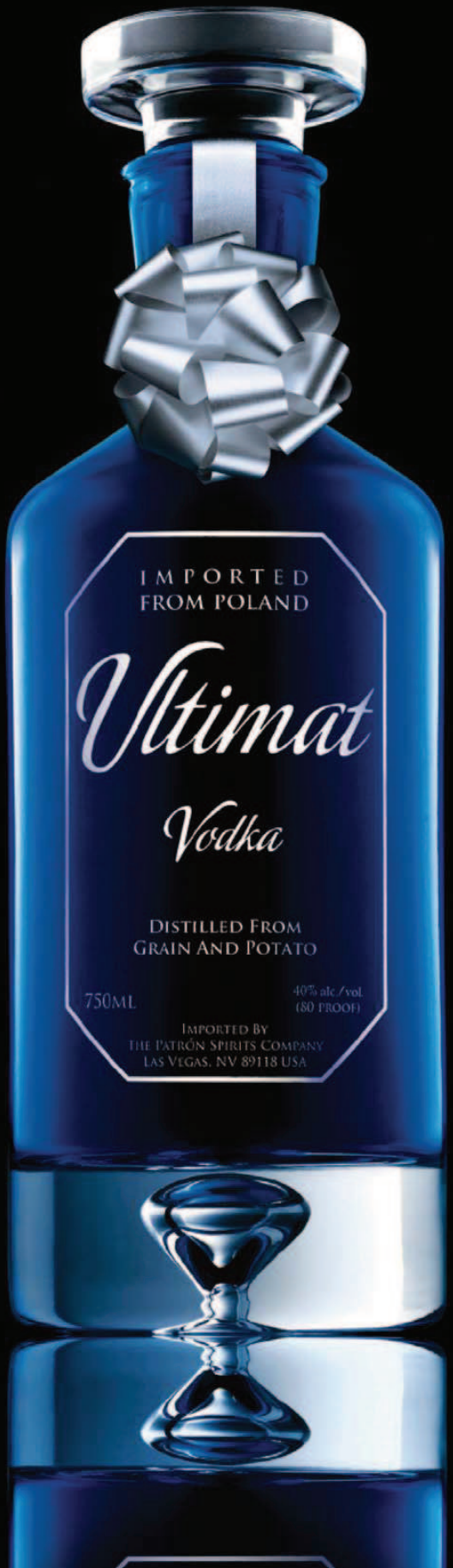

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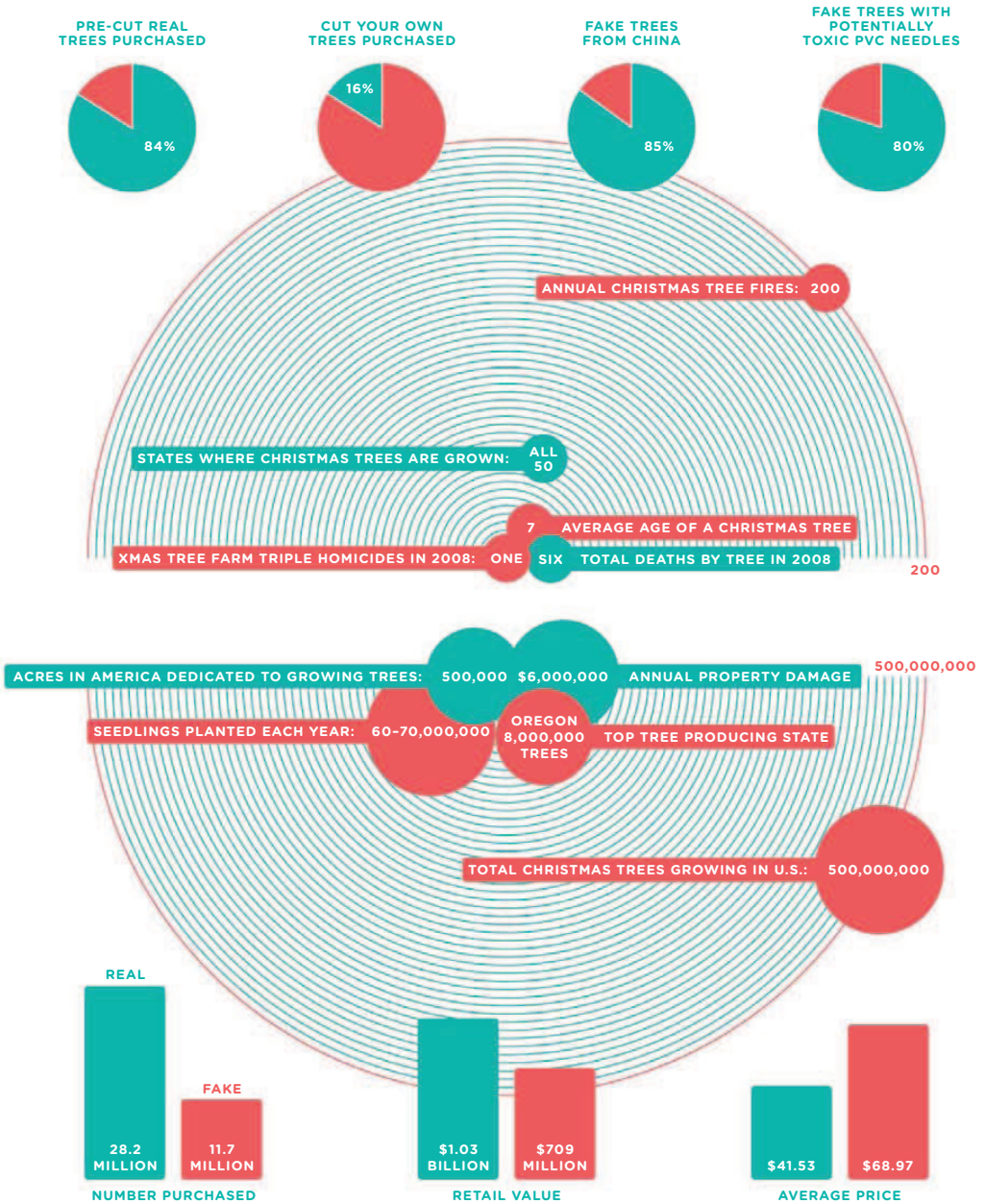
How much money is there in the Christmas tree biz anyway?

Troy Hanks, Los Angeles, CA

OVERALL, X-MAS WOOD PROVIDES A $1.7 BILLION HAUL. HERE'S HOW THE EVERGREEN GREEN BREAKS DOWN:



HOW CLOSE ARE WE TO FINALLY EATING OUR MEALS IN PILL FORM?

Brian Dreyer, Alexandria, VA

About as close as we are to a balanced budget. (Zing, U.S. economy!) According to Mark Etzel, professor of food science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "Humans need to eat about 300 grams of carbohydrates, 50 grams of protein, and 65 grams of fat every day. If you tried to put all that in a pill, it would weigh about one pound." Step aside, professor, and let the evil geniuses in the U.S. Army handle it. They're currently working on a nutrient patch that would enable soldiers to go without food for up to three days. They project that it will be ready by 2025—just in time for us to battle our robot overlords.

IF I'M SUPER SICK OR INJURED BADLY, CAN I JUST FLY TO EUROPE, WHERE THEY HAVE FREE HEALTH CARE?

Josh Doran, Chambersburg, PA

"Those services are open only to citizens," explains buzz buster Dr. David Gratzer, author of *The Cure: How Capitalism Can Save American Health Care*. Noncitizens are required to pay cash and American insurance plans rarely cover international emergencies. Though you will end up paying less ("The bill would be cheaper than in the States"), your level of care might not be the same. A recent study in *The Lancet Oncology* journal followed the success of patients around the world and found that American bros had a five-year cancer survival rate of 66 percent, compared with only 47 percent for *frite*-eating European men.

IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE THAT I HAVE A THIRD NIPPLE?

Charles Uhlich, San Diego, CA

Is this phantom teat the same color (Sharpie black) as the penis on your cheek from last weekend, or a real protuberance? In the case of the latter, the answer is yes—you have a "supernumerary" nipple. "They're pretty common and usually asymptomatic, but can definitely be cosmetically distressing," says Dr. Jason R. Lupton, a board-certified dermatologist in San Diego. And at least you're alive to complain. In medieval Europe, newborns with more than two nips were written off as warlocks and killed. You may be a fucking weirdo, but at least you were raised human.

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THE MAXIM MEDIEVAL TIMES CHALLENGE

THE JUDGES: Princess Leonore the Chaste and the Green Knight **THE PROVING GROUND:** Medieval Times, Lyndhurst, N.J. (medievaltimes.com) **THE CHALLENGES:** Oratory / Death Scene / Jousting for Weenies / The Dung Dash

THE KNIGHTS

SIR CARONIUS THE FLY

Patrick Carone,
Senior Editor

Realm: The Kingdom of the Massapequas

Sayeth he: "With a noble spirit, chivalrous demeanor, and penchant for wearing tights, I am known throughout the realm as a true gentleman soldier. To my competitors I say, 'Good knight and good luck!'"

SIR DANCELOT

Dan Bova,
Executive Editor

Realm: The Island of Long, where strip malls and mullets do flourish!

Sayeth he: "Born with back hair and a mustache, I was thought to be a witch and sent to be drowned at the Brookhaven town pool. Using cunning (and floaties), I survived this test. Today I shall apply those skills to best these foes and drink from the Pepsi-filled goblet of glory!"

SIR-RENTINO

Billy Sorrentino,
Associate Art Director

Realm: The mighty shores of Virginia Beach, whereth the novelty shirts run wild

Sayeth he: "In best understanding the massive skills and powers of thineself, let me quoteth my brethren, and fellow knight, Sir Mix-A-Lot: 'My anaconda don't want none/Unless you've got buns, hon.' That goes out to all you fair ladies out there."

SIR MAD MONEY

Mike Dawson,
Senior Associate Editor

Realm: The Land of Cleve

Sayeth he: "I'm the knight with all the stuff right. I be slaying dragons and mackin' maidens all through the night. So, uh, all you peasants out there trying to play sirs, I'll slice through your armor like something-that-rhymes-with-sirs. Knights up, wenches down!"

SIR JESS

Jesse Will,
Associate Editor

Realm: Ohio, betwixt the shores Olentangy and Scioto

Sayeth he: "My strengths includeth: following through, go-getting, Powerpoint. My weaknesses: indulging in strong waters."

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Princess Leonore and boy toy

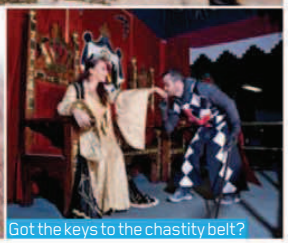
The pros (back row) and the *Maxim* apprentices (front)

Pole dancing

Green Knight disembowels a foe.

Poop battle

More rotisserie chicken!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1 CHALLENGE: ORATORY

Goal: To woo Princess Leonore with "medieval speak."

Victor: Sir Jess

Sayeth he: "I come from but humble stock...In this tournament I may not finish first or second or third or fourth. But under this chain mail is the biggest heart amongst us."

Lady Leonore sayeth: "Sir Jess doth make my knees weak, and his words show me he would truly love me. Plus, he has a really cool car."

Best losing line: "I liketh it, and I want to put a ring on it."

2 CHALLENGE: DEATH SCENE

Goal: To perform the best death scene.

Victor: Sir-rentino

Sayeth he: "During our rehearsal, my foe and I connected on a higher level. It was like dancing, but involved grunting and manhandling. I loved taking his sword."

The Green Knight sayeth: "Sir-rentino's fight had advanced maneuvers, and he died so over the top it was just awesome."

Loser knights sayeth: "Sir-rentino won, but Dancelot's death touched me."

3 CHALLENGE: JOUSTING FOR WEENIES

Goal: To mount a steed, and try to snag the most hanging rings with a joust.

Victor: Sir Caronius the Fly

Sayeth he: "While my challengers poked but two rings, I, Caronius the Fly, managed to capture three. Eat it, chumps!"

The Green Knight sayeth: "Caronius looked way too comfortable in those chaps."

Loser knights sayeth: "You saw what happened to Superman. I'm not getting on that effin' horse!"

4 CHALLENGE: THE DUNG DASH

Goal: To see who can scoop the most horse poop from the arena floor.

Victor: Sir Caronius the Fly

Sayeth he: "I visualized the entire sprint to the poop pile before race time. You know, the mind really is the most powerful muscle."

The Green Knight sayeth: "Wow, that guy really wanted to win! Kind of disturbing."

Loser knights sayeth: "Horseshit isn't my thing. Now, if we were scooping goat turd or cow patty, dude, I'd crush."

SIR CARONIUS THE FLY

Sayeth the champ: "I will be a fair but firm lord. And to all my ladies-in-waiting, remember, don't wear anything, you know, complicated. Hey, it's good to be the king!"

HOW TO MACK AT MEDIEVAL TIMES

IF YOU MANAGE TO MAKE KNIGHT AT M.T. (IT TAKES YEARS TO EARN YOUR SWORD), HERE'S HOW TO REVEL IN THE GLORY OF GROUPIES.

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ORIGIN Southern Italy
GENRE Pork salame
Sopressata is cured, packed with peppercorns, and pressed. Skip pepperoni and sub in this tangy stuff on pizza, fancy boy.

3/ **BRESAOLA**
ORIGIN Lombardy, Italy
GENRE Beef salame
Sweet and earthy, this cured eye of round salame melts on the tongue. Feed lovingly to Chianti-sauced gondoliers.

4/ **CORNED BEEF**
ORIGIN England
GENRE Beef brisket
Brine-cured and pressure-cooked brisket. Stack it a mile high on Jewish rye with mustard. (FYI: Reubens are for suckers.)

5/ **MORTADELLA**
ORIGIN Italy
GENRE Pork salame
Bologna's smoky cousin, this ground pork is studded with fat and pistachios. Sounds gross, tastes spicy. Time to play hide the salame in your mouth!

6/ **CAPICOLA**
ORIGIN Southern Italy
GENRE Pork salame
Called "gabagool" by any self-respecting Italian-American, this smoky stuff is seasoned with red wine, garlic, and paprika. Grill with cheese.

7 **PROSCIUTTO**
ORIGIN Northern Italy
GENRE Ham
Ribbons of heavenly hog fat ripple through this cured, salty staple, making it the most versatile of deli meats. It pairs with fruit, mixes with spicy pasta, and perfects a hoagie. It also knows seven languages and totally slept with your girl.

8/ **PASTRAMI**
ORIGIN Eastern Europe
GENRE Beef brisket
Pressure-cooked brisket with a pepper, coriander, and paprika crust. Kick it Old Testament–style: rye, spicy mustard, and Mom's guilt trip. *L'Chaim!*

9/ **JAMÓN IBÉRICO DE BELLOTA**
ORIGIN Spain
GENRE Ham
Think Spanish prosciutto. At $12/oz., savor this velvet-red nosh with Manchego and your credit counselor.

10/ **PANCETTA**
ORIGIN Italy
GENRE Pork belly
This cured, pepper-laced awesomeness is Italian bacon. Fry in iron skillet, then cook eggs in the rendered fat for an instant heart attack.

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Hey, these hams are meal-ready, so don't recook them or wash the salt and brine off or you'll kill the flavor. Just slice and devour.

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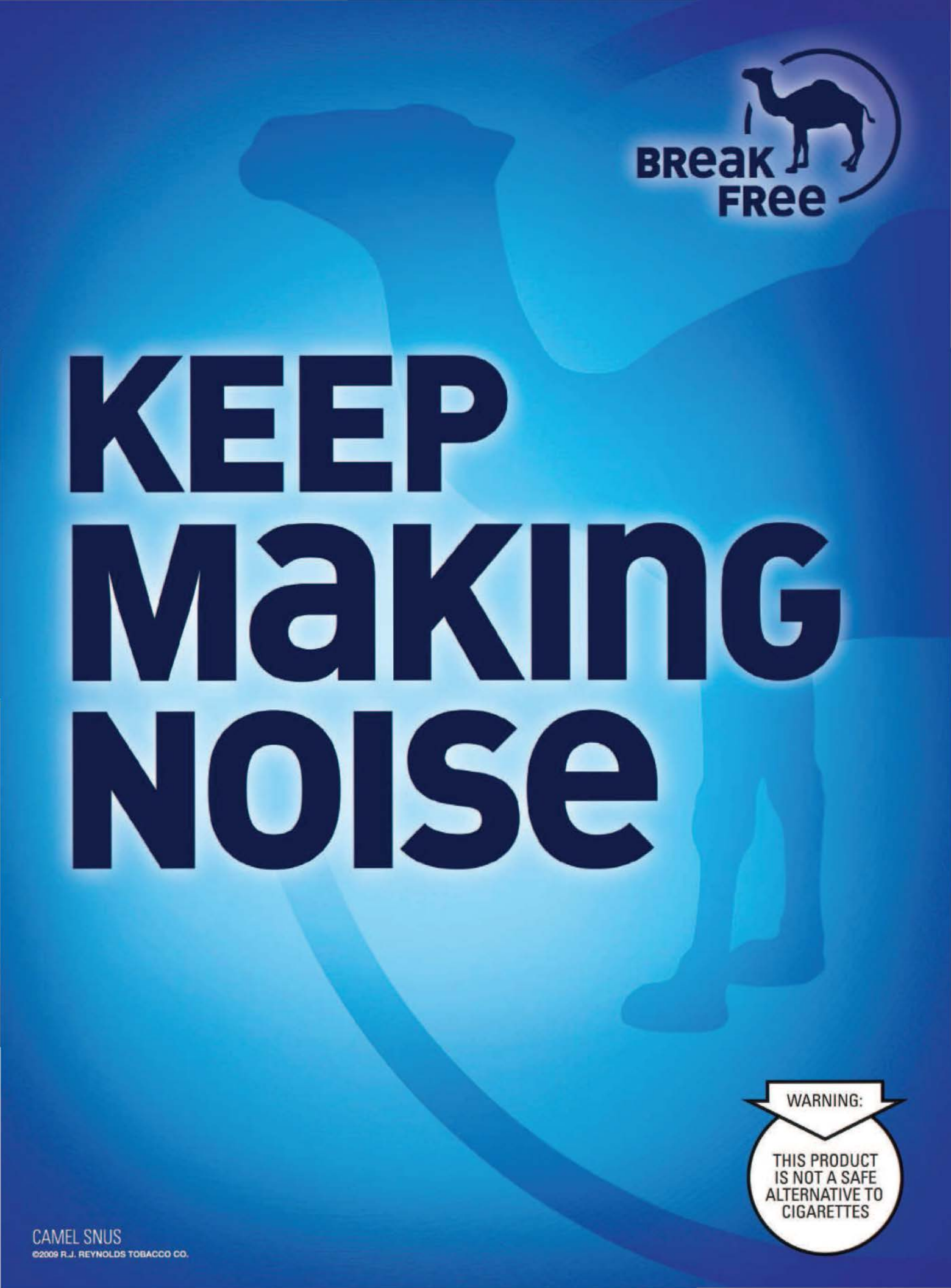
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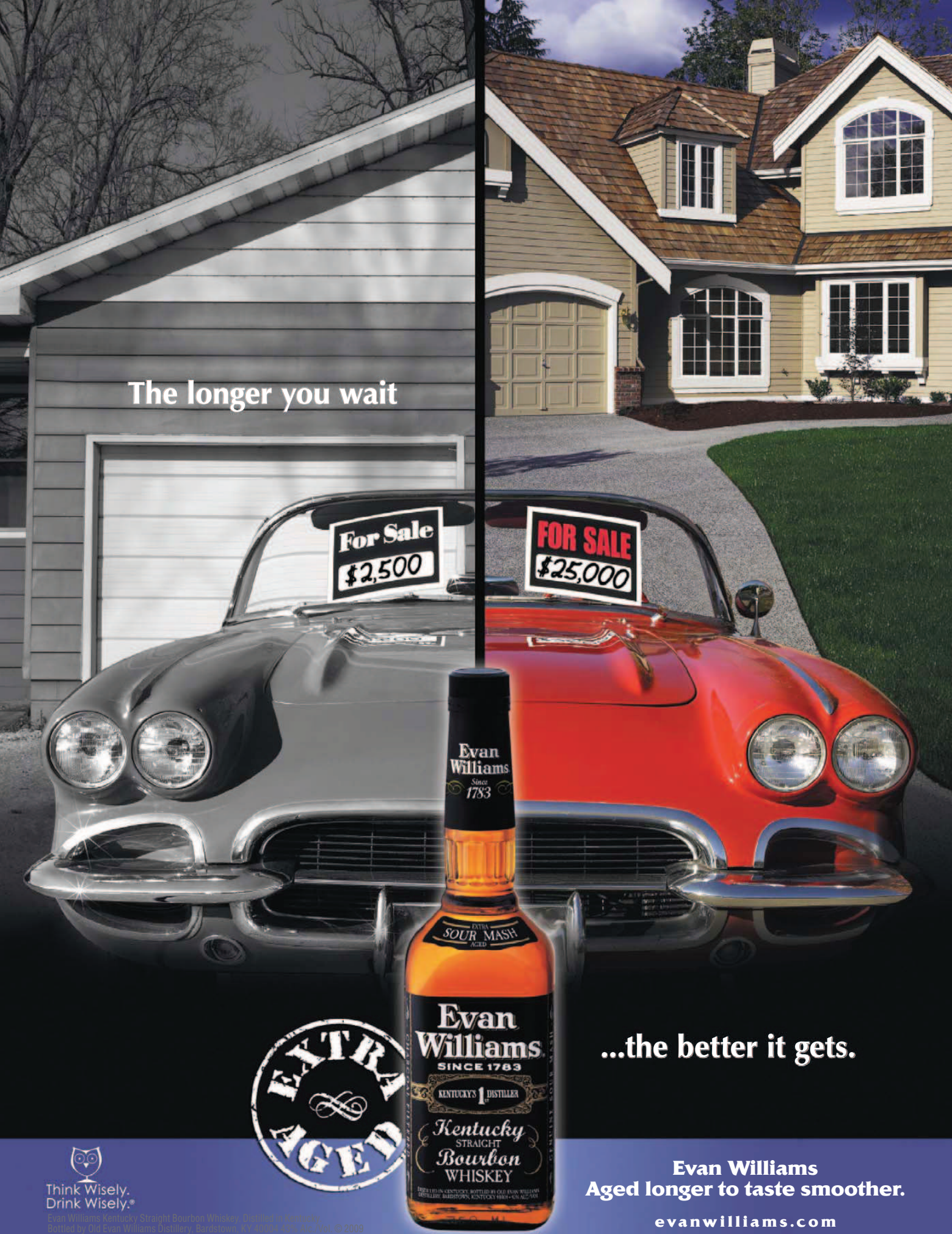

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Animal Instinct
"The Na'vi have pointy ears, but we went with a pretty humanoid design. They needed to have accessibility and familiarity in their look."

Skin So Soft
"Motion-capture of the past only captures gross body movement. We used helmet cameras that shot the actors on a pore-by-pore level."

Color Wars
"Since planet Pandora is blue, we thought that, through evolution, the Na'vi would be blue as well to camouflage themselves."

BLUE CRUSH

ZOE SALDANA IS OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD HOT IN JAMES CAMERON'S

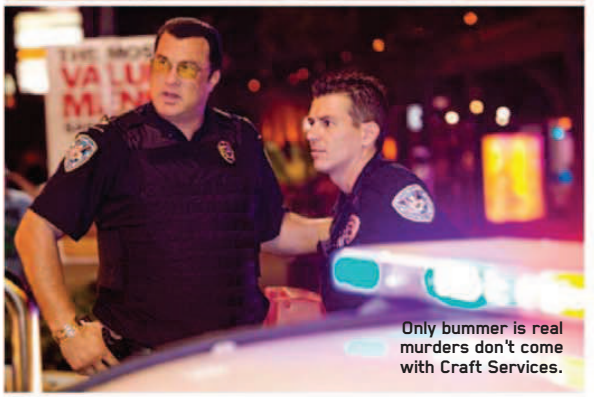
When a studio exec first saw footage of Zoe Saldana as a blue-skinned alien in *Avatar*, he asked producer Jon Landau if there was something wrong with him, or was she hot. "My response to him was both," Landau laughs. "There's something wrong with you, *and* she's hot." Instead of spending hours in a makeup chair, Zoe transformed into a "Na'vi" warrior-princess—who must defend her planet, Pandora, against greedy humans—through the most sophisticated CGI ever utilized. Landau explains how to create a sexy beast.

Zoe on Pandora

Zoe on Earth

OUT FOR JUSTICE

When not making movies, Steven Seagal is making police busts.



Only bummer is real murders don't come with Craft Services.

Back in the '80s, Steven Seagal spent a day teaching New Orleans cops how to take down bad guys, after which the officers offered him a badge. Fast-forward 20 years: Where there's a badge, there are reality TV show cameras. This month *Steven Seagal Lawman* rides shotgun as Seagal fights real-life crime.

What's an average night for Deputy Sheriff Steven Seagal?
We patrol and also listen to the radio for the bad stuff: bank robberies, kidnappings, murders, armed robberies in progress. Those kinds of things.

You were in New Orleans right after Katrina, right?
Yup, and I saw shit that I wouldn't want to tell you. Every day I got to save somebody's life. Every day I got to jump bad guys who were trying to kill and rape. People have said, "In my darkest hour, my moment of light was when Steven Seagal rescued me."

You make plenty of money fighting bad guys in movies. Why the hell are you risking your ass?
I love doing something that's really helping people who are suffering, who are about to get raped or kidnapped. I come from a background where I was a warrior. Acting is just something to pay the bills.

How often do you get recognized mid-bust?
When I'm kicking in the door with five guys carrying machine guns, they don't know who the hell it is. After everybody's handcuffed, then maybe 50 percent of the people say, "Holy shit, is that Seagal?"

Do the bad guys ever ask for an autograph?
It happens all the time. It's the funniest thing.

Has word spread through the 'hood that Steven Seagal is patrolling the streets?
I don't want to sound egotistical, but when word gets out that I'm in town, crime goes down.–*Adam Winer*

***Steven Seagal Lawman* premieres December 2 at 10 P.M. on A&E.**

HOW TO:

Shoot the Cotton Off a Q-tip

Seagal teaches you how to be a deadeye dick. Die, swab!

1. **Stand.** "My pistol work relates back to sword stances. My left foot is forward and my right foot is back in a modified T-stance. I create a triangle with my body."
2. **Aim.** "The rear sight is like an open window. Line the front sight up with the middle of that window and exactly on the tip of the Q-tip."
3. **Be the bullet.** "Have absolute calm, with nothing else in your mind. Stop breathing, stop everything–just meditate on letting that bullet go exactly where you've visualized it going."
4. **Fire.** "When I pull the trigger, my left hand is slightly pulling and my right is slightly pushing. They squeeze together at the same time, and that dynamic tension helps absorb the recoil."

Film Checkup

Sorting through the cinematic heap.

	BASED ON A BOOK	BASED ON A FELLINI FILM	BASED ON AN AWFUL IDEA	AARP-CERTIFIED	OSCAR IS WATCHING	NO ONE IS WATCHING	OUR TAKE
THE LOVELY BONES In the latest flick from *Lord of the Rings* mastermind Peter Jackson, a murdered girl watches over her family from heaven.	⊗				⊗		Sure, it's based on a *GMA* book club selection, but the twisted plot and fantastic cast just may give us the liberty to shed a few tears.
NINE Daniel Day-Lewis vies for another Oscar as a man stuck between a musical midlife crisis and a horde of hot lady friends.							Hot lady friends like Nicole Kidman, Penélope Cruz, Marion Cotillard... and Sophia Loren. Average age: 46. Unless you're buying tickets with a Social Security check, pass.
OLD DOGS Robin Williams and John Travolta team up as business partners and parental figures for two surprise offspring.							Why Travolta chooses to ruin his career with this follow-up to *Wild Hogs* can only be explained by Scientology.

WATCH THIS FLICK

Clint Eastwood directs Matt Damon and Morgan Freeman (in full non-narrator mode) in **Invictus,** a Nelson Mandela biopic. Spoiler alert: He gets out in the end.

READ THIS BOOK

George Carlin's Last Words is a post-humous tell-all of the goateed comic's politically incorrect observations on life. Read about his rise to fame and the celebrities he met along the way. *$27*

MUST BUY NOW

AK 100: 25 Films by Akira Kurosawa features most of the Japanese director's movies, even unreleased gems, on DVD. The masterpieces have been an inspiration for Tarantino's gory epics. *$399*

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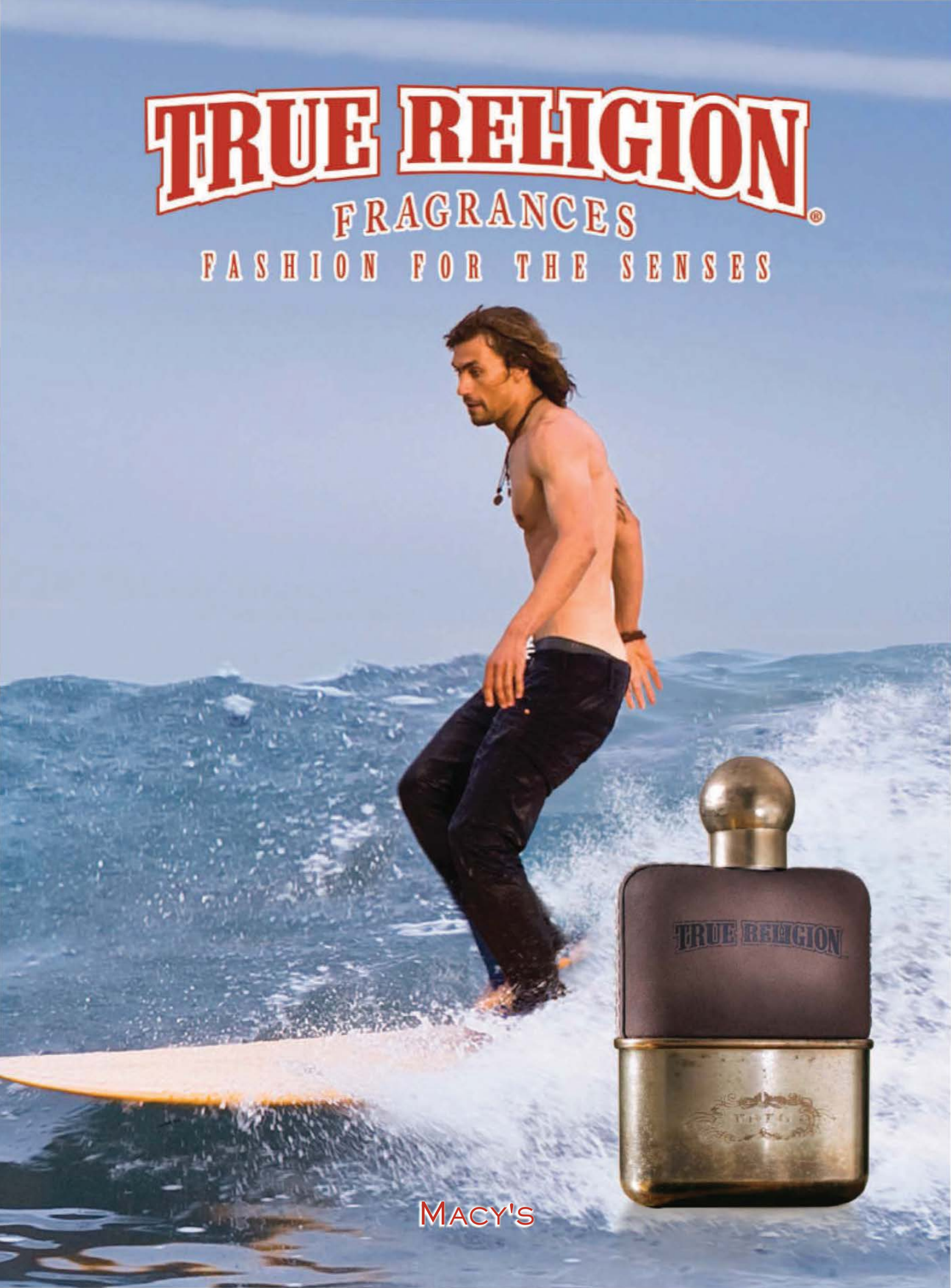
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WITH THE 10TH-ANNIVERSARY BLU-RAY OF *FIGHT CLUB* OUT NOW, DIRECTOR DAVID FINCHER SPILLS ON KEY SCENES.

1. THE FIRST RUMBLE
"The hardest stuff to shoot was the group of fighters down in the club, because you want it to look real, but you don't want to hurt anybody. But people get tired and sloppy. On the first day of fighting, one of the actors dislocated his finger on the first take. The medic came over and said, 'Oh, no problem,' and popped it right back in."

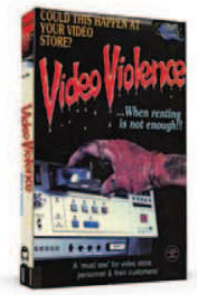
2. MEATLOAF'S MOOBS
"There was this giant debate about what his bitch tits should look like. I thought that we needed to go for the double D's. The studio execs said, 'He doesn't have to have nipples.' And I said, 'Yeah, he's gotta have nipples like manhole covers.' It's enjoyable to make the people who are supposed to be overseeing you cry."

3. THE GLOVED ONE
"Before we shot the scene where Ed Norton's character walks in on Tyler Durden having sex, I saw Brad Pitt mumbling to himself with this big smile. He says, 'I want giant rubber dishwashing gloves.' So we found these horrific dirty gloves the painting department had used, and he goes, 'They're perfect.' Nothing was out-of-bounds."

4. THE FINAL SHOWDOWN
"The fight scene was originally written as a gunfight. We wanted to make fun of action movies like *Die Hard*. It was funny in concept, but it was too difficult to execute. How do you get out of the way of a bullet you shot at yourself? We had to start all over, so we came in over a weekend, had this huge building to ourselves, and just kind of free-balled it."

COFFEE-TABLE BOOK ALERT!

Back when BitTorrent was a glimmer in some geek's eye, kids of the '80s got their first taste of the forbidden by sneaking into the off-limits sections of video shops and gawking at the lurid box art bursting from the shelves. Recapture the skeevy magic with **Portable Grindhouse** ($20), a gore- and girl-filled look at the lost art of the VHS cassette cover. Boasting its own VHS-style slipcase and featuring everything from no-budget horror schlock (**The Toolbox Murders**) to soft-core skin flicks (**'Gator Bait**), it'll destroy the moral fabric of a generation all over again!—*Sean T. Collins*



Merry A-holes

Stick this *Always Sunny* Christmas ep in your DVD player and smoke it.

As the fifth season of FX's hilariously depraved *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* draws to an end and the too-raunchy-for-TV special *A Very Sunny Christmas* hits DVD shelves, Glenn Howerton, who stars as Dennis, plays naughty, not nice.

What is it about this special that makes it too dirty for TV?
You will see Danny DeVito completely naked. We figured why not give the people what they want: Danny's old balls.

What's the worst Christmas present you ever received?
I had a cat that died on Christmas in 1993 of feline leukemia. Then I had another cat that died the following year, once again on Christmas. I suppose you were expecting me to say "socks." Well, sorry.

Are there episodes you look back on and think, Maybe that was too much?
No. Fuck you. Next.

Can you reveal anything about the season finale?
If you don't watch it, you will receive a mysterious phone call from a stranger whispering, "Seven days." Then you will die in seven days. I'm not kidding. A little girl with wet hair will come out of the TV while you're watching whatever shit you're watching and kill you where you sit.

Drag Me to Mel

Mel Brooks reveals three little-known facts about his flicks.

1. "The blind man in *Young Frankenstein* is Gene Hackman."

2. "After Frank Sinatra heard me sing in *High Anxiety*, he called to tell me I could sub for him in Vegas."

3. "The most fun I had in any movie was playing a waiter at the Last Supper in *History of the World: Part I*. I asked the apostles, 'Are you all together, or is it separate checks?'"

***The Mel Brooks Collection*, with nine of his funniest films on Blu-ray, comes out December 15.**

GET IN THE GAME Four new survivors need your help blasting their way out of the zombie-infested Deep South in the highly anticipated sequel **Left 4 Dead 2.** Redneck zombies, you're on notice. *$60*

WATCH THIS FLICK Jake Gyllenhaal, Tobey Maguire, and Natalie Portman star in **Brothers.** When a soldier is sent to Afghanistan, his sibling tests the limits of brotherly love. Get your mind out of the gutter!

MUST BUY NOW Muggles everywhere will rejoice with the release of the **Harry Potter Ultimate Editions.** The Blu-ray and DVD sets include extended scenes and a documentary about magic wands. *$40–$50*

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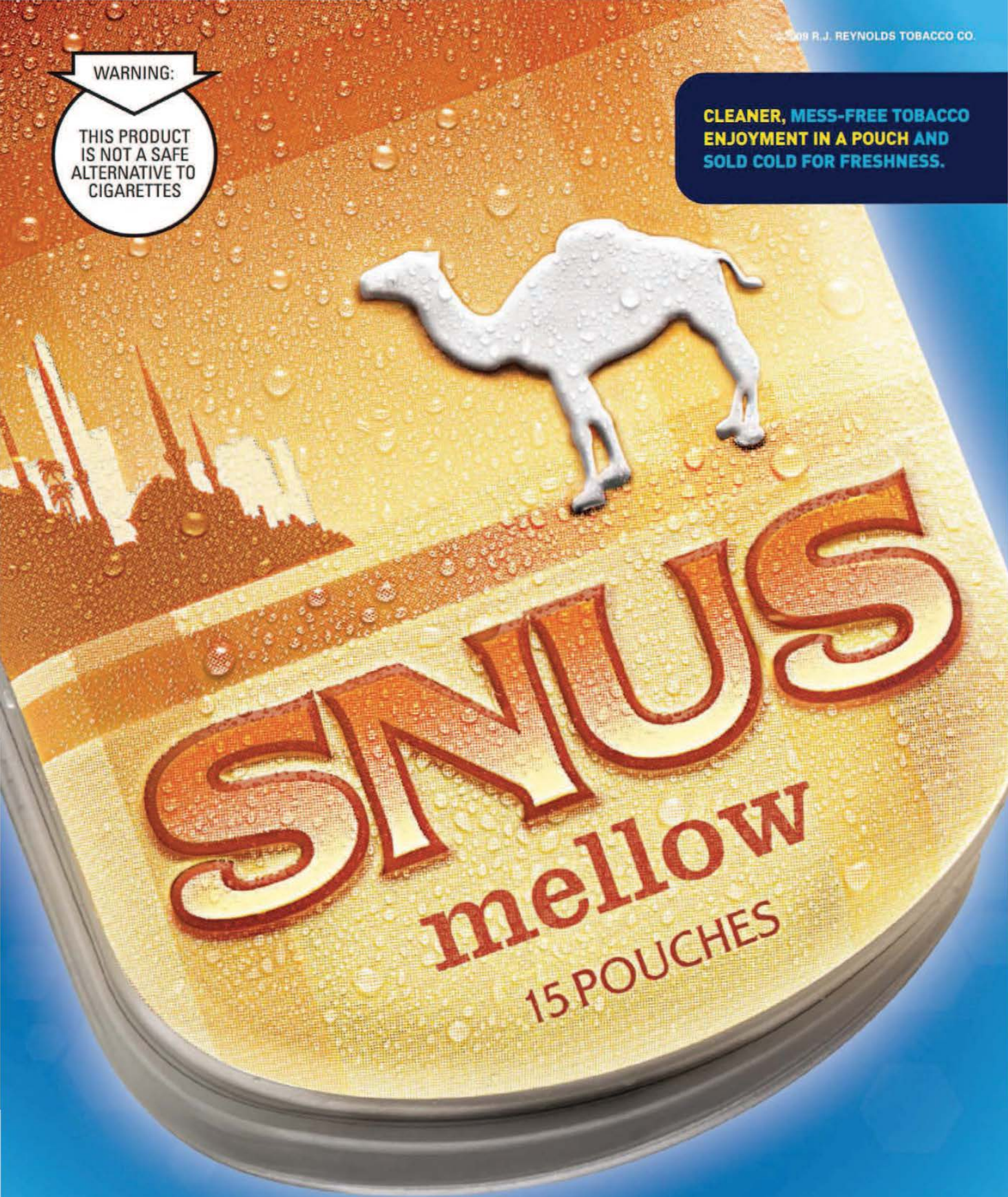

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POP GOES THE WEEZER

Weezer-in-chief Rivers Cuomo learns to stop worrying and love Miley Cyrus on the band's latest, *Raditude*.

Is there any musician who digs pop music more than Rivers Cuomo? The Weezer frontman has professed his love for Debbie Gibson and Kiss; curated an Internet radio station that plays everything from Fall Out Boy to the Turtles; and spent the summer covering Lady Gaga's "Poker Face" in concert. Now, on his band's seventh album, the awesomely titled *Raditude*, comes a cameo by Lil Wayne and a collaboration with Swedish bubblegum merchant Dr. Luke, whose most recent smash was Miley Cyrus' "Party in the U.S.A." A smash, incidentally, that Cuomo can't stop listening to. "It's a great song," he gushes.

Weezer have certainly come a long way since the nerdery of their early albums. These days you're more likely to hear Cuomo singing about partying than (ugh) feelings—an evolution some fans have deemed insincere. But those detractors miss the point: For Cuomo, loving pop music is the most sincere thing in the world. "Weezer was always a pop band first," he says. "Even our most abrasive music had a beautiful melody." Nowadays when they cowrite a song with, say, hip-hop hit maker Jermaine Dupri (as they did on *Raditude*), it's not to be ironic; it's because Cuomo can't resist a guilty pleasure. "If it moves you, it moves you," he says. "To me that's the definition of genuine."

Which is not to say *Raditude* is totally carefree. "Can't Stop Partying" (the Lil Wayne, Jermaine Dupri track) is less a champagne-popping celebration than a sinister cautionary tale, and despite its vaguely douchey title, "I'm Your Daddy" was actually written about Cuomo's infant daughter lying sick in a hospital bed. But now that he's 39 and married, Cuomo says, "All the knots inside me are slowly unwinding." Life is rad, and he just wants to kick back and have a little fun. And who could be mad at that?—*Josh Eells*

***Raditude* is out now.**

Tales From the Studio

The inside scoop on this month's hottest albums.

Slayer *World Painted Blood*

The So-Cal shredders are still runnin' with the devil.

The thing we can't record without: Bassist-singer Tom Araya: "Alcohol is a must. Vodka."

The money spent recording this album could buy: "Two really huge sandwiches."

Casualties of production: "Drummer Dave Lombardo shit his pants a couple of times."

Shwayze *Let It Beat*

Alt rappers Shwayze and Cisco Adler rhyme and play.

Three things we can't record without: Adler: "A breakup, a few one-night stands, and a new love."

Studio drug of choice: Shwayze: "It's a green plant, and no, it's not an artichoke."

Casualties of production: Adler: "One Mac G5 computer and a *lot* of brain cells."

OneRepublic *Waking Up*

The "Apologize" hitmakers return with more pop hooks.

Casualties of production: Singer Ryan Tedder: "15 bottles of Bushmills and 100 bottles of wine."

Studio drug of choice: "Cuban cigars, no thanks to JFK."

The album sounds like a cross between: "2009 and 2039. We try to write songs that stick."

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- **"Hindsight," Built to Spill** A shimmery autumn gem from indie rock's beardiest jam-mongers.
- **"Here Comes Santa Claus," Bob Dylan** A very merry yuletide sing-along from jolly old St. Zimmerman.
- **"11th Dimension," Julian Casablancas** The Strokes' frontman goes solo with this synthy, catchy tune.
- **" Take Your Shirt Off," T-Pain** A banger about step one of the laundry cycle.
- **"New Moon Rising," Wolfmother** A perfect song for the new *Twilight* soundtrack...if *Twilight* were for riff-worshiping stoners.
- **"Cowboy Casanova," Carrie Underwood** Attention, Stetson-wearing playas: This bombshell is onto your tricks!

Must-Buy Vinyl

Nirvana, *Bleach*

Nirvana's debut was recorded in 1989 for $606. For that sum today, you can snag 23 copies of this new 20th anniversary deluxe edition of the grunge landmark. Pressed on geek-approved 180-gram vinyl, the reissue includes a 16-page booklet of unreleased photos of Cobain and co.–*J.E.*

GET IN THE GAME The first console game utilizing 3-D technology, **James Cameron's Avatar: The Game** tasks gamers to either defend the planet of Pandora as a Na'vi alien or help the humans conquer and pillage. *$60*

WATCH THIS FLICK In the horror indie pic **Transylmania,** a group of college students hope to score on their semester abroad in Romania. Instead, they are faced with hunchbacks, evil scientists, and orgiastic vampires.

MUST BUY NOW Spock would surely agree that it is logical to bring **Star Trek** home: The two-disc DVD and three-disc Blu-ray feature director J.J. Abrams' commentary, NASA news, bloopers, and deleted scenes. *$40*

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EMMY ROSSUM

The sugary-sweet stunner gets edgy in this month's *Dare*.

She's sung in *Phantom of the Opera,* kicked ass in *Dragonball Evolution,* and is rumored to be dating inexplicable chick magnet Adam Duritz, making him the object of our envy. Is there anything Emmy Rossum can't do?

She'll seduce you!
"This is definitely my most sexual role. Alexa starts off straitlaced, a Type A overachiever, and her sexuality is pretty repressed. So her first encounter is really intense."

She'll shock you!
"When I was 16, after a pool party in Manhattan, my friend and I dared each other to run down Madison Avenue barefoot in our soaking-wet bikinis. We got a round of shocked applause."

She'll kill you?
"I'm actually a fantastic shot. I had never even seen a gun before I started training for *Dragonball*. But I got to train with marines, who taught us to respect the rifles. It was a little scary."

Dare is in theaters now.

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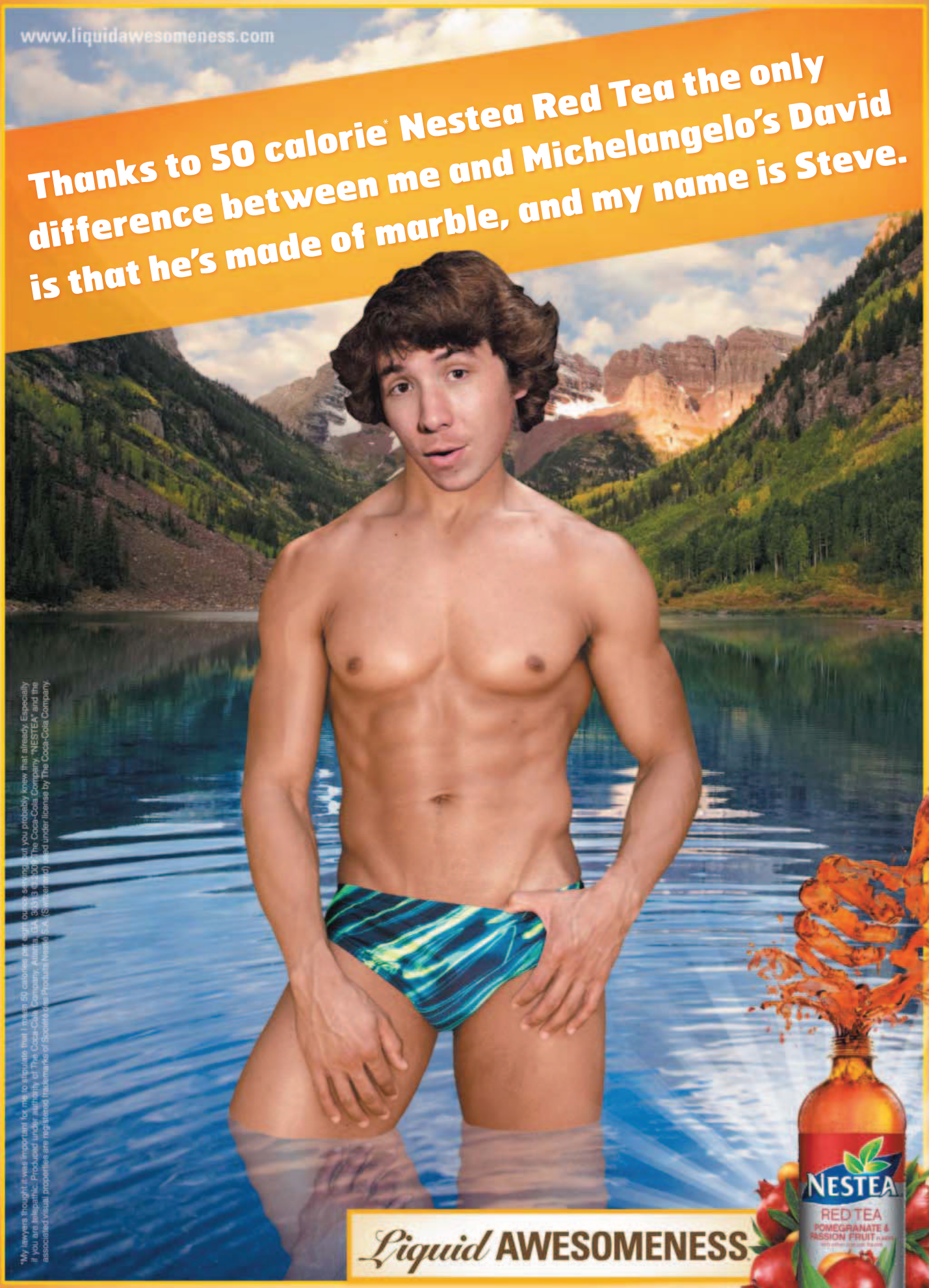
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So how do you want to go?
I've always liked the idea of being lost at sea. Of course, that means a violent and helpless drowning, but "lost at sea" has such a romantic sound to it.

Will you be going to heaven or hell?
I'll be going to heaven, where everything is perfect. It will be like hell to me.

In your new single, "Who Says," you ask, "Who says I can't get stoned?" Do you hope there's weed in heaven?
I don't consider myself a pot smoker. I consider myself someone who occasionally decides to give smoking pot another chance. If there's single malt scotch in heaven, I'll be a happy man.

What's the craziest rumor you've ever heard about yourself?
I've read that I like peeing on girls. That is an impossible notion. I don't even feel comfortable peeing in urinals.

While alive, what did you spend the most money on?
I can't stop buying jackets. When I was growing up, a jacket was the only item of clothing you could wear every day and not get made fun of for it. Now I get made fun of for everything else, but at least my jackets are nice.

Name one thing you're glad you'll never have to do again on Earth.
I'm glad I'll never have to sit on a plane with a cough again. Pretending you're not the gross dude on the plane with the guttural hacking cough is futile, because you definitely are.

What's the wildest thing you ever did while you were alive?
I'm not as wild as people think. Being wild carries too many consequences now. I just read in *Us Weekly* all the false stories of crazy shit I did, and it was like a Douchebag's Almanac.

What sexy deceased women will you have your eyes on in the afterlife?
I have a problem with the proximity of "sexy" and "deceased" in that question. A dead Brigitte Bardot is an unsexy Brigitte Bardot. Unless you're going porno heaven rules, where everybody's superhot and dressed in white bustiers with veils…in which case I'd have to say Jessica Tandy.

What are people tweeting at your funeral?
"RT @johncmayer if you're reading this, I died at sea."

Got any last words?
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"I just want to thank the wardrobe department for making this moment possible," said the thong.

Girl Meets Toy

WANNA SUPERCHARGE HER SEX DRIVE? JUST ADD BATTERIES AND FLIP THE SWITCH.

Lexi*, 28, and her boyfriend, Andy, had a healthy sex life, knocking boots often and in positions that could make a New York pretzel blush. But despite the frequency and variety, there was nary an orgasm on Lexi's end. When Andy suggested they bring in assistance in the form of a vibrator, Lexi was resistant: "The thought of a big, quivering rubbery thing between my legs made me a little queasy." Andy coaxed her into a sex-toy shop anyway, just to explore the options. They ended up leaving with an unobtrusive lipstick-size vibrator, and got immediate results. "We used it that night," Lexi says. "He pressed it against my clit while I was riding him, and for the first time ever, I came during sex! We don't use it every time now, but it's nice to know a guaranteed orgasm is always an arm's length away in my nightstand."

Like Lexi, more than 50 percent of women have difficulty reaching orgasm during intercourse, according to a joint study between the Kinsey Institute and Emory University. And, rest easy, that doesn't necessarily have anything to do with you or your technique.

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*SOME NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED.

sex

Cat-o'-nine-tails courtesy of Malibu Barbie's House of Pain.

Every woman is built differently, in body and mind—some have clitorises that love to hide from even the most ardent seekers; some can come only through direct stimulation; and some don't even know what it takes for them to reach orgasm. That's why calling for reinforcements is always a good move.

"Sex toys can stimulate the places you sometimes can't reach, and they can give more frequent and more powerful orgasms," says Claire Cavanah, cofounder of Babeland, a girl-friendly online sex shop. Nothing against your tool, of course. Women will always love how it fits perfectly inside us and how it can go from floppy to rigid faster than a dead cat. Not to mention how it's attached to, you know, you. So if you fear an effective sex toy could render you obsolete, don't.

Instead, consider the sex toy your trusty sidekick. It'll always be there in a pinch, but in the end it's still you that's getting the job done. If you learn which toys your girl likes and how and when to wield them properly, you'll be the lone hero who can rescue her from the clutches of sexual dissatisfaction.

THE NEW PORNOGRAPHERS

These days sex toys come in all shapes, sizes, and functions—from remote-controlled vibrating panties to $200 arty glass dildos you could keep on the mantel without anyone batting an eye. The once-seedy industry is now so mainstream that you can seek bedroom assistance on Amazon.com or in your local drugstore, where "warming" lubricants and disposable vibrating rings you can wear on your wanger hang innocently next to condoms and pregnancy tests.

As a result, the options are seemingly endless. For a good starter toy, Cavanah recommends a simple vibrator like the Laya-Spot: "It's a quiet, high-quality vibrator that fits in your palm and can cup the clitoris and the testicles."

Whatever you do, buy something that's made specifically for sex play (no handheld electric beaters or slightly unripe bananas), and make sure she's the first woman in your life to use it. "I once had a guy bust out his electric toothbrush and say, 'This is a great clitoral stimulator,'" says 27-year-old Caren. "It felt nice, but I couldn't stop thinking that (1) he'd already used it on someone else, and (2) he used it to fight tooth decay."

CREATING BUZZ

There is a time to introduce a sex toy into your routine, and it is not surprise o'clock. Take it from 28-year-old Jared: "My ex and I would use vibrating rings every time we had sex, so it felt natural to put one on the first time I slept with the next girl I dated. But she was totally freaked out and ended up leaving before I could even seal the deal."

As with any sex technique, what works for one girl doesn't work for all girls. And whether you've been together two weeks or two years, the only surefire way to know if she's ready for the extra artillery is to talk about it. Begin by asking whether she's ever used a sex toy on herself, because if she has, she'll be more likely to include you in her next play date. If she's a vibrator virgin, try planting the sex-toy seed through flattery. Cavanah recommends asking a question that conveys a compliment, such as, "Have you ever fantasized about using a vibrator or being blindfolded during sex? Because the idea of *you* being turned on really turns *me* on." It's the great circle of horniness!

PLUG IN, TURN ON

Your level of participation can vary in any sex-toy-assisted situation, but sometimes it's hottest to hand over the reins to your woman while you watch. Being on display can make some girls feel self-conscious, though, so don't just sit there twiddling your thumbs. At the very least, twiddle yourself. At the very most, do that while talking dirty to her. "My boyfriend watched me use my vibrator while he explained in vivid detail what he'd like to do to me," says Shaw, 30. "I was on the verge of orgasm, but I tossed the toy aside and let him finish me off. He earned it!"

On the flip side, you and your trembly new friend can take on all the work and let your woman relax completely. Take a cue from 33-year-old Chrissy, whose boyfriend surprised her one night with a bubble bath and a waterproof vibrator. "He lit candles, drew the bath, and let me unwind," Chrissy says. "Then he carried me out of the tub to the bed and rubbed the vibe all over my still-wet body. He hit every square inch of my skin—neck, arms, stomach, legs—before heading for my pussy. By that point I was so turned on and wanting it, I came in 15 seconds flat."

SCHOOL FOR SCOUNDRELS

In addition to leaving your lady quivering, sex toys can be great teaching tools. When 32-year-old Xander got bored of the ol' in-and-out with her husband, they ordered the "Ultimate Sex Toy Package" online, which contained 60 gorge-inducing gadgets, from pocket rockets to penis pumps. "We stayed in bed for a weekend experimenting with all the doodads," she says. "Not all of them were enjoyable—ben wa balls were not our cup of tea—but we did learn that nipple clamps and a light feather stroke got me incredibly riled up. Now we use them on the regs."

See, like baseball fans, women just want home runs—they don't care if it takes a little unnatural help to get there. Just watch out that sex toys don't make you lazy. Keep up your oral skills and refine your stroke—you never know, the day may come when she feels like reaching the big O the old-fashioned way. ●

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Ramen: Suck It Up!

HOW THE DORM ROOM STAPLE BECAME THE GASTRONOMIC MUST-SLURP OF THE MOMENT.

Now we're hungry *and* horny. Thanks, stupid sexy picture.

Like many of us, Grant Achatz spent his college years surviving on ramen. "I would live off those packages," he says. "To me ramen was just a dry noodle cake you rehydrated in water, dropped this dry spice packet into, and slurped down. It's college-kid food. But there's a long history of ramen that's completely lost on college kids." Today the 32-year-old Achatz is arguably America's most exciting and influential chef, whose culinary creations at Chicago's famed Alinea restaurant landed him Outstanding Chef in the United States honors at the 2008 James Beard Foundation Awards. And like a growing number of foodies, he's become a ramen-iac.

Right now ramen stands as the food world's ultimate expression of high-low cuisine. Nissin Food Products churns out nearly 100 billion packets of instant ramen a year, while high-end ramen joints sprout up with ever-increasing frequency in cities throughout America. Japan has more than 200,000 ramen shops, as well as ramen books, ramen magazines, and ramen chefs who have become ramen celebrities by hosting ramen TV shows. In America, ramen has gone gourmet with rich, flavorful broth served in deep ceramic bowls floating beneath slices of pork, clusters of diced scallions, and perhaps shoots of bamboo, kernels of corn, or a halved hard-boiled egg. Japan's cousin to chicken noodle or matzo ball soup, it's the ultimate comfort food: hot, easy, cheap, and—when done right—utterly delicious.

Nowhere is this dichotomy—the cheap-as-hell junk-food staple that world-renowned chefs rhapsodize over—more apparent than in New York City's East Village, where undergrads rub elbows with Japanese immigrants and where dozens of ramen shops have materialized in the past few years. Sitting at Ippudo NY on Fourth Avenue, I chopstick up a steaming heap of succulent noodles under the watchful gaze of George Solt, an NYU history professor who wrote his dissertation on ramen. Between mouthfuls, Solt unwinds the ramen backstory. An early version of the dish was first brought to Japan from China in the late 1800s. As ramen evolved, vendors began selling the dish from pushcarts. "It was famous among the working masses for being cheap, filling, and tasty," Solt says. "It's like the hot dog in America."

But it was the invention of instant ramen in 1958 that doomed Westerners to addiction. Instant ramen was the brainchild of an awesomely quirky entrepreneur-philosopher named Momofuku Ando, who rightly spoke of noodles as if they were sacred objects. As recounted by Andy Raskin in his book *The Ramen King and I*, Ando sequestered himself for more than a year in a backyard shed in Osaka, experimenting with ways to rehydrate ramen. Nothing worked. "I thought and thought about how to do it right," Ando once said. "I thought so hard that I began to piss blood." After watching his wife fry tempura one day, Ando tried flash-frying his cooked noodles. Amazingly, water brought them back to life. Success! By 2000, his countrymen had voted Ando's creation the number one invention of the 20th century, beating out Sony's Walkman, the compact disc, and the PC.

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commands in its homeland, I turn to Ivan Orkin, a quick-talking New York chef who became the only Westerner to open a ramen shop in Japan. Improbably, the soup he brews at Tokyo's Ivan Ramen has since been declared among the best in the country. "You might look at a bowl of ramen and think, What's the big fucking deal? It's noodles and soup and some shit on top," he says. "But you have to balance everything. Good ramen somehow inexplicably all works together—the flavor, balance, textures, everything really works."

New York chef David Chang, who rivals Grant Achatz in the Hot-Shit Young Chef sweepstakes, launched his restaurant empire in 2004 with Momofuku Noodle Bar (named after the ramen king). No traditionalist, Chang makes his broth from a stock that calls for 70 pounds of roasted pork bones, ham hocks, chicken legs, and bacon, then packs the bowls with slabs of Berkshire pork belly, noodles, scallions, snow peas, preserved bamboo shoots, a poached egg, and Greenmarket corn. "I had spent time in Japan and had always been a big fan of ramen. I didn't think I had the chops to make it in fine dining, so I opened a noodle shop," Chang says. "But I still have no idea how to make authentic ramen. We're just trying to make something tasty."

Just blocks from Momofuku in the East Village stands Ippudo NY, the American outpost of a highly regarded Japanese chain that arguably serves the best ramen in New York City. Waiters hand noodle novices an illustrated how-to pamphlet headlined "*Zuzutto!*" the Japanese word for the noise made when slurping—an essential aspect of the ramen ritual. "We actually shortened our noodles in the U.S. because Americans can't slurp very strongly," confides assistant manager Lightning Yumeku.

For many months I had been awkwardly wrestling a few long noodles onto my spoon with my chopsticks, then shoving the whole mess toward my mouth as quickly as possible, hoping not too many of the dangling strands would slip off and splash broth in my face. According to Chef Orkin, the Japanese technique is to grab a clump of noodles with your chopsticks, deposit one end in your mouth, then hoover away, sucking in the long strands laced with droplets of broth. At Ippudo, I test Orkin's advice: I slurp away wildly and...nothing happens. The noodles don't move. I realize the tail ends are still anchored by the ingredients left in the bowl. The professor actually laughs at me.

Above: Ramen at Momofuku Noodle Bar. Left: Instant ramen, the dorm room staple.

"I think your slurping's good," Solt lies. "But you want to pull the noodles all the way out of the soup." He demonstrates by lifting a tangle into the air, freeing the noodles of everything in the bowl so they're not weighed down when slurped. Good tip.

Last May, Grant Achatz made a pilgrimage to the noodle mecca. "Finally ate at Ippudo last night. The broths were almost too flavorful, if that's possible. Delicious," he tweeted. "Ramen is what everyone's talking about in the industry now," he says. "The last three times I've been to New York, ramen has been the major eating priority."

It was on a trip to Tokyo several years ago that Achatz achieved ramen-lightenment. "As soon as I arrived, I was asked, 'What do you want for dinner?' I said, 'Ramen,' and the guy from the local culinary school looked at me funny. He expected me to say, 'Take me to your high-end sushi!' So he goes, 'Well, in Tokyo a lot of ramen shops are like fast food. Like McDonald's.'" Achatz laughs. "I looked at him after my first few sips, and I was like, 'This is *not* McDonald's.' Good ramen has this luxuriously silky, mouth-coating texture and body and viscosity. It's comfort food," he says. "And it hits you in the middle of the chest like only comfort food can. The whole experience can be pretty profound." Bet you didn't know that 10¢ bowl of noodles was a spiritual experience, did you?

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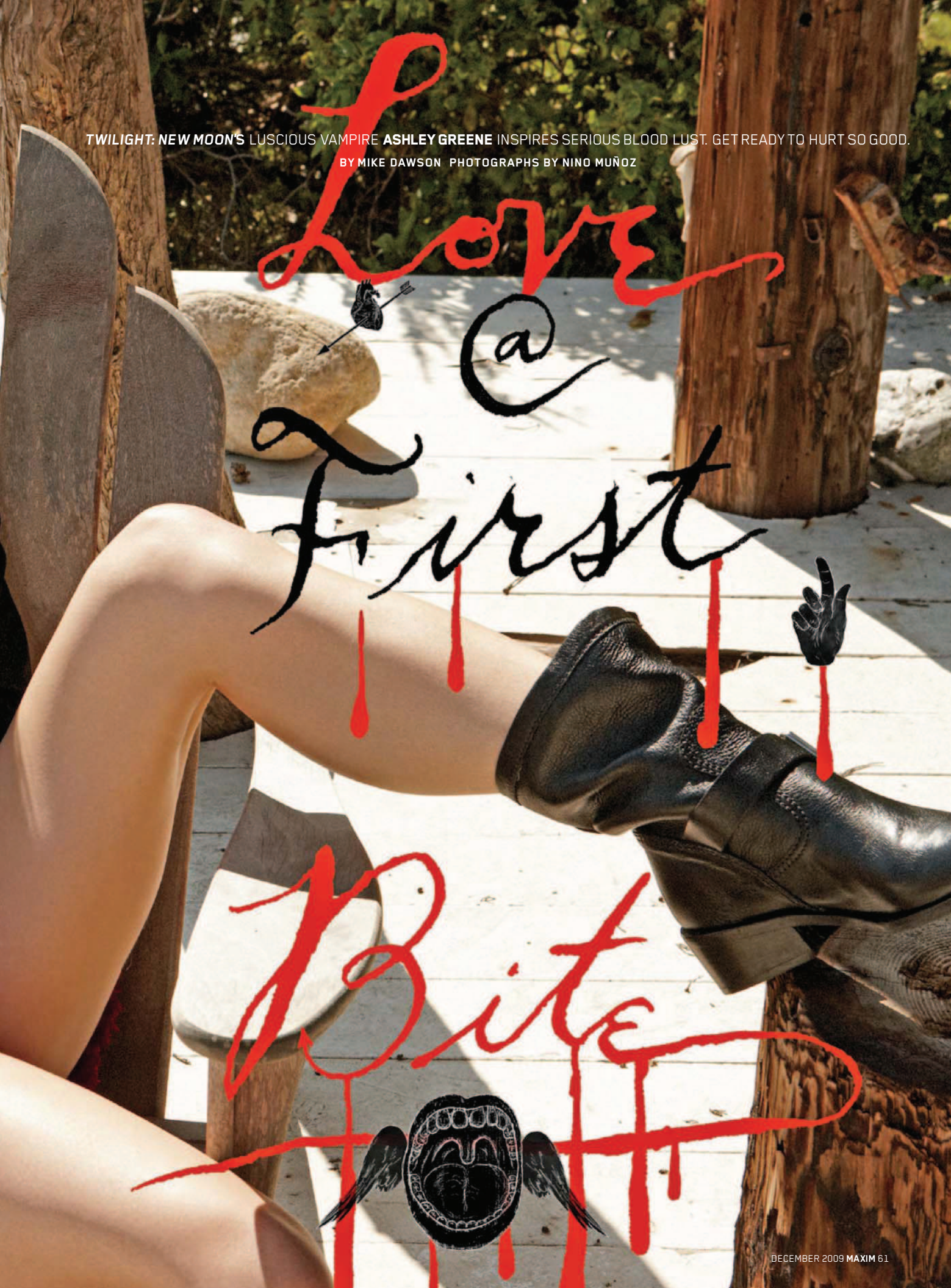

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When Twilight

hit screens, the movie about virginal teenage vampires topped our never-see list. Then, during the blockbuster's media blitz, Ashley Greene's bewitching cat eyes stared back, instantly transforming us into bona fide Twihards. We knew immediately that this 22-year-old Florida-born bombshell is the sexiest vixen to emerge from the overcrowded vampire genre (see *True Blood, The Vampire Diaries*, etc.). Gentlemen, please allow us to introduce Lady Ashley, Queen of the Drac Pack.

OK, so you land your first major role, and it's in the insanely huge four-film *Twilight* saga? Jackpot!
Oh, my God, I wanted this part so badly! I worked my butt off for it because I absolutely love Alice, my character. She's sweet, sexy, and a killer! So when they told me I got it, I tried to play it all cool, you know, for about a minute. Because suddenly the *Twilight* blogs started picking it up, and then fans were there taking photos, and I'm on the news, and I was like, "What?" And then I got really nervous.

Yeah, no pressure.
I was a wreck. So, yeah, it's my first real gig, and there's already a gigantic fan base you don't want to let down. Plus, Alice's role is big in the second and third films, so I was just like, "Hopefully I'll do a good enough job in the first one that they'll keep me in it!"

We think you're golden. *New Moon*'s out this month, and you're filming the third installment, *Eclipse*, now. Bonus: You get to kick ass in *Eclipse*, right?
Yeah, I get to fight in *Eclipse*. My trainer is teaching me MMA right now. So. Cool. But I feel if I was in a real fight, I'd get my ass kicked.

You're in incredible shape and you know it. We bet you can handle yourself in a scrape.
Thanks. But seriously, we're just now moving up to more advanced stuff, toward being able to actually kick somebody's ass. The problem is, I know tae kwon do, so I'm used to just sort of tapping for points when you kick, but MMA is a full knock-them-to-the-ground follow-through.

You're being seriously stalked by the paparazzi. It seems they photograph you every time you walk your dog.
Every time. It's crazy, right? I think my dog is more famous than a lot of stars out there. I bet some people in Hollywood are like, "I can't get my picture in a mag, but Ashley's pooch [Mario] does?" It's mind-boggling.

Do you ever try to mess with the paparazzi or bet on what the tabloids will say about you?
Of course! That's the biggest thing—you've got to have a sense of humor about it. Like, Vanessa Hudgens and I were at a concert, and we were dancing together all night, and we looked over and, of course, there were people taking pictures and video. I was like, "Tomorrow in the tabloids we're going to be best friends and maybe lesbians, and they'll say we were bonding over the fact that we had some scandalous pictures come out."

So?
It was so predictable. They all said, "Ashley and Vanessa are new BFFs. Wonder what they were talking about, maybe their pictures?"

They didn't even bite at the lesbian thing?
I know! We looked at the headlines, and we're not lovers...We were kind of disappointed.

That's sort of awesome.
Don't get me wrong—it's nice that people care and say, "Ashley, you're a role model for teenage girls." But what you don't realize when they give you that title is that if you do anything even remotely human, you suddenly become the devil.

Do you *Twilight*ers just clown the Harry Potter crew? They're nerds with wands, and you're all these crazy sexy vampires. You guys could totally take them.
If we were in a fight, we would so kick their asses.

Your vampire character has a mate for life. Have you ever talked about what vampire sex is like—you know, to add, um, "backstory" to your role?
Yeah, take the best sex you've ever had in your life and multiply it by 100, and that's vampire sex.

What's next for you, maybe some grown-up movies?
I want to hit up James Bond. That would be awesome.

You want to be a Bond girl?
Hell, yes! I figure if I'm really good at the MMA fighting and stunt work, it will help.

Is that the motivation at your MMA training: "Bond girl, here I come"?
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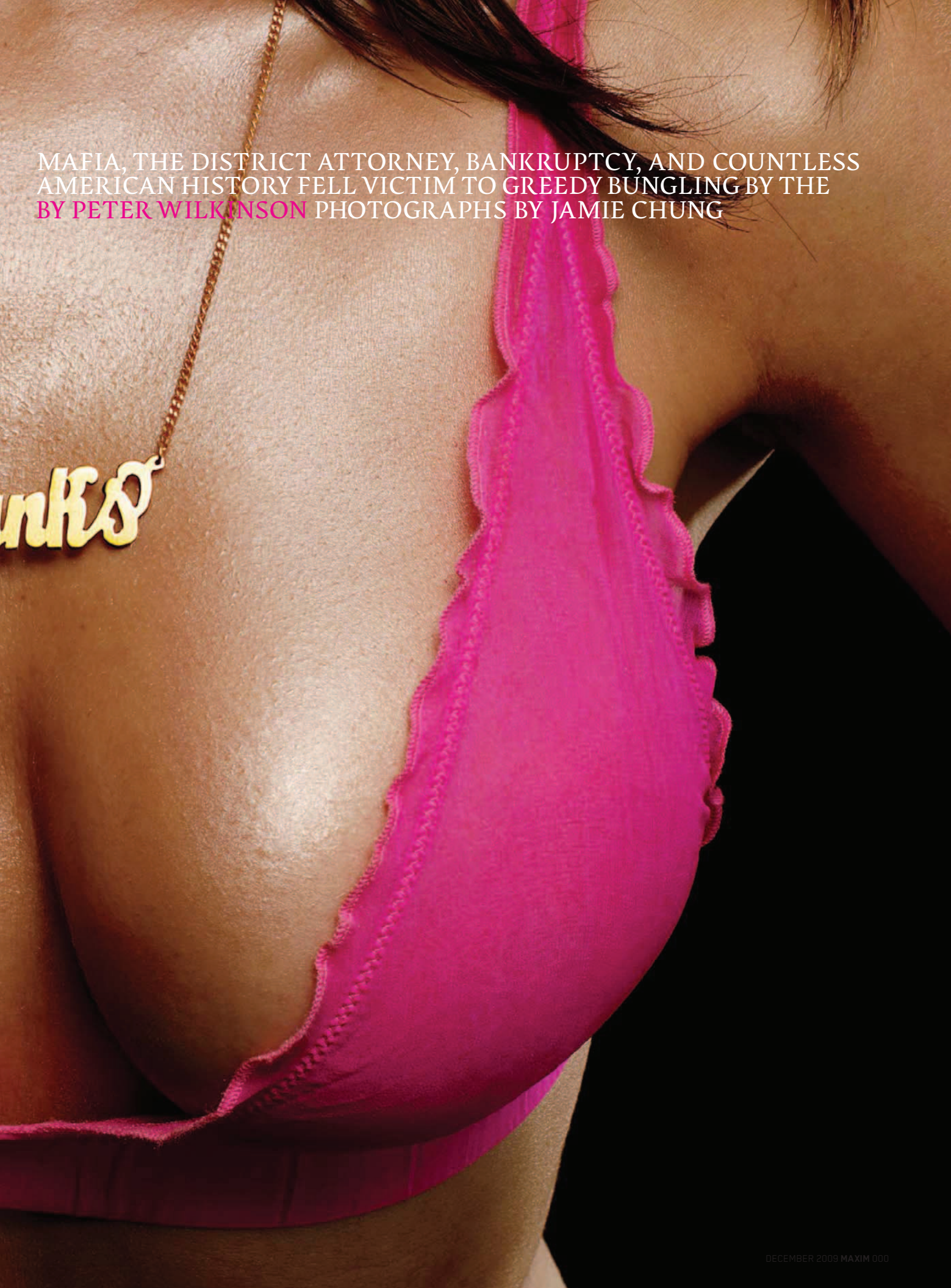

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It was a night in 1997 at Scores, America's hottest strip club. As always the place was packed with VIPs, not the least of whom was Howard Stern, whose obsession with Scores (and its star performer, Savanna) was constant fodder for his ratings-busting, nationally syndicated radio show. Stern frequently requested Savanna, who possessed—in addition to the usual stripper assets (blonde hair halfway down her back, curves galore, and a sexual vibe strong enough to strip paint off a house)—an uncanny ability to hold her own in conversation with the King of All Media, whether she was shooting the shit or offering her tasting notes on one of the high-priced bottles from the Scores wine cellar.

For the discerning celebrity, Scores was like a candy store. Tommy Lee liked blondes with big boobs. Oliver Stone fancied Asian women. Oscar de la Hoya took an egalitarian approach—young ladies of all types enjoyed hours of conversation with him in the Champagne Room, which rented for $400 an hour, plus $400 an hour for each girl's time. Bobby Brown broke the "no touching" rule by biting a dancer's nipple. Dennis Rodman begged a Scores dancer to marry him.

Madonna and Pamela Anderson visited, to view their doppelgängers. Elizabeth Berkley researched *Showgirls* at Scores in 1995. The following year Demi Moore shelled out for multiple lap dances prior to the release of *Striptease*. Kate Moss pole-danced. Russell Crowe berated waiters and grabbed at a dancer's underwear. Lindsay Lohan passed out. George Clooney celebrated his birthday, and Chuck Norris had not one but two bachelor parties at the club. After the second, he failed to show up at the altar.

Now all of that is gone. Last January the original club, Scores East, on East 60th Street, closed its doors, as did its sister location, Scores West, on West 28th Street. Thus ended a legendary 17-year run for the body glitter, breast implant, Brazilian bikini wax center of the universe.

In the years before Scores, strip clubs were smoky, badly lit hustle joints where dancers offered additional services in which only the fully vaccinated felt confident partaking. Smart men, upon entrance, hid their wallets in their socks. Soon after opening in 1991, Scores changed all that. Built in the model of an upscale sports bar, stocked with high-end girls for high-end clientele, it was a place where Wall Street traders mixed with Mafia button men and rubes from Texas in 10-gallon hats could become, after the right number of drinks, fast friends with a rapper from Detroit. Scores did not want the horny loner in his raincoat, even if he was willing to fork over the $10 for a cocktail. You bragged about going to Scores—if you could afford it.

But eventually Scores lost the identity it worked so hard to build. In the years before the closings, lawsuits alleged all manner of bad behavior: customer overcharging, tip gouging, and sexual harassment. A vice raid on Scores West resulted in prostitution charges. Regulars among the movie, sports, and rock star clientele were left to wonder: How had Scores, which rode so high for so long, fallen so quickly?

"WE SAID: DO A STAGE SHOW. INVITE CELEBRITIES."

In 1991 Scores opened to low expectations on a desolate stretch of East 60th Street, in the shadow of the Queensboro Bridge. It was about as close to no man's land as you could find in Manhattan. The club's owner, a stocky Brooklyn-born lawyer named Michael Blutrich, had been a Broadway actor as a child and later dabbled in boxing promotion and restaurant management. For Scores, Blutrich

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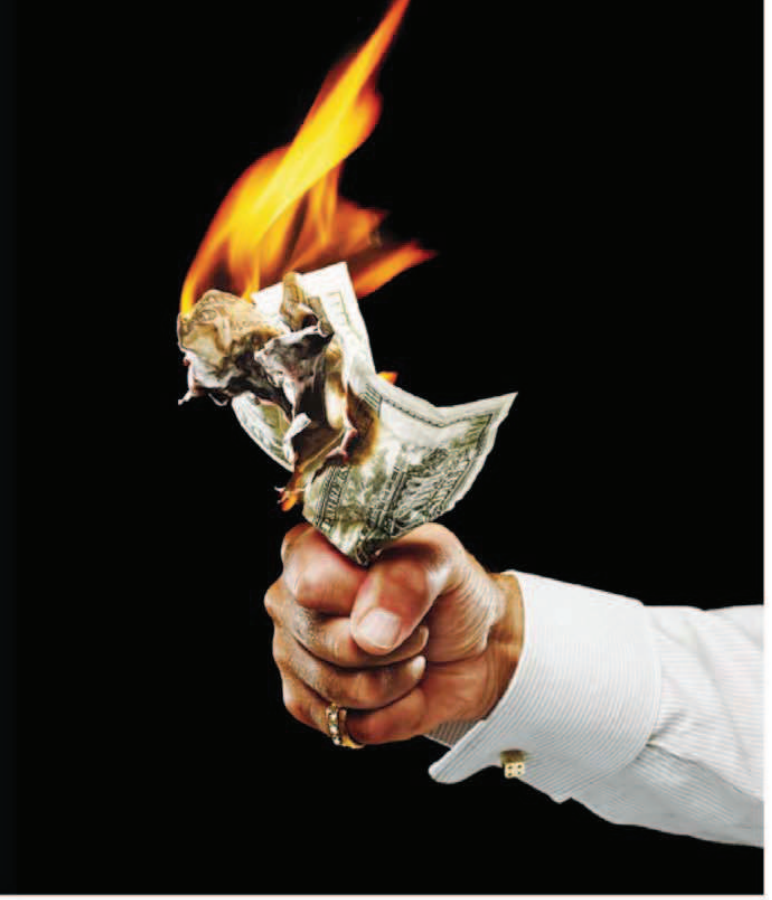

copied a strip club concept he'd seen in Florida: Instead of G-strings and pasties, "entertainers" wore gowns and high-heeled shoes. They would dance topless at your table for $20 per song.

A warm and charming gay man, Blutrich visited Scores only about once a year and put ownership documents and the club's liquor license in the name of his high school basketball coach from Brooklyn, a small-time gambler named Irving "Blitz" Bilzinsky. "Blitz was the kind of guy who was old when he was 20," recalls an insider. "He would come in every night, eat an omelet, and barely say a word to anybody." In time Blutrich took another partner, Lyle Pfeffer. Together they would redefine the notion of what a strip club could be.

"People back then were afraid of strip clubs," says Lonnie Hanover, Scores' publicist for 15 years, hired shortly after the club opened. "We said, 'Make it like a real club, do a stage show, and invite celebrities.'"

A key part of Hanover's marketing plan was to position Scores not as a strip club but as a club where sports was paramount, where a patron could come, ostensibly, to watch the game on one of Scores' many television screens. "For the first few years, the strategy was sports," says Hanover. "Scores was originally a sports cabaret."

Sports aside, the main draw was always the girls. "We dressed like movie stars," says Stacey, a busty brunette from Kentucky who enlisted her grandmother to sew the gowns she wore night after night at the club. "We were like beauty pageant girls." Stacey, through the connections she made at Scores, landed on *Saturday Night Live,* in the Al Pacino, Johnny Depp film *Donnie Brasco,* and onstage at Madison Square Garden with Sting.

Alex, a native of Houston, easily earned $1,000 a night. "I made my own schedule, so I worked when I felt like it. I'd danced in Florida and Texas and Georgia, where the money was good, but nothing close to what I made at Scores."

Even patrons had a dress code: no ripped jeans, shorts, hats, sneakers, or T-shirts. From the cigar humidor, Scores customers enjoyed selections by Cohiba, Dunhill, and Partagas. In the restaurant good bottles of cabernet and pinot noir accompanied well-cooked prime cuts of steaks and chops.

Word got out among athletes. New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing was a regular. Dwight Gooden settled in for cocktails at Scores on the same day in 1995 when his cocaine use earned him a season-long suspension. Rock stars soon followed. It was said that Sting liked his girls blonde and small-breasted and refused to look at them as they danced for him. Kid Rock conducted his first MTV interview at Scores. Marc Anthony cooed "Ladies Night," the Kool & the Gang hit, into the ear of a dancer.

One night in February 1998, action movie star Jean-Claude van Damme sauntered in. "They don't come much hotter than Jean-Claude," says Savanna Samson (the aforementioned doyenne of Scores' Champagne Room). "And he never made you feel like a stripper." Near van Damme's table sat Chuck Zito, former Hells Angel, celebrity bodyguard, and star of HBO's series *Oz.*

"Chuck is a punk," van Damme remarked to a friend of Zito's. Minutes later he looked up to find the biker standing over him. "Did you just tell Frankie that I'm a punk?" Zito asked.

Wordlessly, van Damme removed his glasses and tucked them into his shirt pocket, signaling his readiness to fight. Zito dropped the Muscles from Brussels with one punch, breaking his own hand.

The story of Zito versus van Damme made the front page of the *New York Post,* with the headline JEAN-CLAUDE VAN SLAMMED!

PORN, GOODFELLAS & FUNNY MONEY

Savanna Samson, a beautiful blonde from Watertown, in upstate New York, was hired at Scores in August 1996. "I paid the DJ to keep me offstage, because I was good at talking on a bunch of subjects," she recalls. "I ate several dinners a night in the VIP room, and I always ended up with the biggest wad of cash."

The first time Savanna met Howard Stern, she was sitting with Dennis Rodman. "Howard completely ignored me," she says, but Savanna knew how to change that. When Stern's biopic, *Private Parts,* premiered in 1997, she showed up for a ride on a *Private Parts* party bus wearing only a fur coat and lingerie. Stern's reaction: "That's my girl. That's my future wife." Ultimately, Stern called friends at Vivid Video in Los Angeles and helped make Savanna one of the most recognizable and bankable porn stars in the world.

With Scores raking in $400,000 a night at its peak, dancers earned enough cash to buy expensive cars and homes. One Wall Street high roller ran up a tab of $605,000. "That was my best night," says Victoria, a super-buxom Scores dancer for a decade, and one of a dozen girls working the Champagne Room that night. "I took home $40,000."

Scores hosted up to 500 guests a night and grossed $25 million a year. Some dancers married rich customers. Others got their college tuition covered. "During that run the Scores girls were all tan and gorgeous," says a regular. "They went to the gym, worked on their bodies. For 10 years the place ran great. Everybody had fun."

Expanding its brand, the club sold "The Girls of Scores" calendars and DVDs, as well as Scores caps, tube tops, and hot pants. Handled

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1. Scores spokesman Lonnie Hanover in the good ol' days. 2. A "Girls of Scores" DVD. 3. Howard Stern made the place and was treated like a king. 4. Van Damme's Scores scuffle made the front pages. 5. John Gotti Jr. (near left) and his cronies shook the place down.

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by a tireless public relations team, Scores girls appeared at charity events, on MTV's *Total Request Live,* and on the MTV Video Music Awards. But beneath the glossy veneer of sex, celebrity, and success, the core of the Big Apple's premier flesh palace was beginning to rot.

Even though they were grossing millions, Blutrich and Pfeffer wanted more. A few years after Scores opened, the pair were hired to advise an insurance company in Orlando, Florida. In 1994 Blutrich, Pfeffer, and others were charged with defrauding the company of a staggering $400 million, one of the biggest white-collar crime cases of its time. Facing decades behind bars, the pair played the one card they had and cut a deal with the Feds: They agreed to wear wires.

As early as 1993, the Gambino crime family—led by John Gotti Jr., son of the Teflon Don—had moved in on Scores, demanding a cut of the profits. Fearful that he might be maimed and his club bombed, Blutrich allowed Gotti's crew to skim $200,000 annually from coat check and valet parking profits. They were also given the right to choose Scores' bouncers, select the toilet paper supplier, and take a cut of each $20 admission. Made guys never paid for anything at Scores. In total the Gambinos took the club for over $1 million.

Scores paid a high price for the Mafia presence. Late on the evening of June 21, 1996, two Albanian hoodlums, Victor Dedaj and his younger brother Simon, were asked to leave Scores after a dispute with a Gambino enforcer over a woman. As the club closed at 4 A.M., the Dedaj brothers returned with guns and knives, killing Scores waiter Jonathan Segel and bouncer Michael Greco.

That November the Feds raided Scores, alleging that Gambino capo Salvatore Locascio was the club's secret owner. Within a year Blutrich and Pfeffer came in from the cold, and the evidence they gathered helped earn John Gotti Jr. a sentence of 77 months. Given 20 years each for their own crimes, Blutrich and Pfeffer soon disappeared—to segregated cellblocks and into the witness protection program.

THE BROOKLYN EXPANSION TEAM

Sustained by a steady stream of tourists and Howard Stern listeners, Scores limped along. With Blutrich out of the picture, the club fell fully into the hands of Blitz Bilzinsky, the Brooklyn gambler who'd been working for Blutrich. For help Blitz turned to the old neighborhood, to three young men from Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn who knew little about running a strip club.

Harvey Osher, who had done a year in federal lockup for stock fraud, worked as a gofer in Blutrich's law office; because of his record, his older brother Elliot Osher, a chauffeur, took over Blitz's role as the legal man in charge. Richard Goldring, an accountant who did tax work for Blutrich, was named CEO. Although the Oshers and Goldring had modest résumés, they had outsize dreams. Within three years Scores franchises were doing brisk business in Miami, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Fort Lauderdale, and four other cities.

Harvey Osher considered himself the best strip club operator in the business and saw his dancers as potential conquests. "Elliot, meanwhile, was like Fredo in *The Godfather,*" an insider says. "He'd sit at his table in the restaurant every night. He didn't say much. He didn't do much."

In 2002 the Oshers forced Blitz out of Scores altogether. As managers and hosts, they brought in more friends from Brooklyn, many of them ex-cons. Employee rules of conduct loosened. If a manager wanted to put his hands on a dancer, who was going to stop him? "Harvey's friends who worked at Scores got out of control," says a former employee. "There was nobody to police them."

Drugs became more readily available, and in a club where dancers had been treated as queens, they were now treated like chattel. "Managers thought they were customers, drinking and smoking on the job and chatting up the girls," says Ruth Fowler, a former Scores dancer known as Mimi. "It was like a cattle market."

In 2004 the Oshers opened Scores West on West 28th Street. The new branch was darker than the original and had a whiff of danger to it. The music was too loud, the customers younger. It was Harvey Osher's domain. And it had private rooms that locked.

Both locations became infamous for overcharging their customers. Orders to do so, former employees allege, came from on high: Identify a high roller and get him so drunk he could barely sign his credit card slip. Hosts wrote in gratuities, betting that embarrassed family men would let things slide.

"They went after a few customers every night," a former employee says. "The Osher brothers felt like they were bulletproof."

Ultimately, three angry customers sued the club. One plaintiff, the married CEO of a Missouri-based Internet service provider, had $241,000 charged to his American Express card. The case brought Scores another wave of bad press. The CEO lost his job. Scores lost American Express.

BEATDOWNS, BANKRUPTCY, AND BUST-UPS

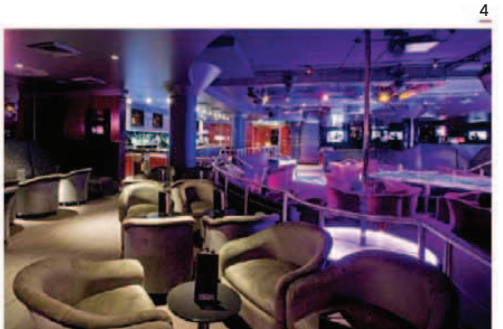
The Oshers' problems extended beyond the shabby way they treated their employees and their customers. In February 2005, Harvey Osher was jumped by two former Scores employees, Denis and Gema Kolenovic. The following April both Oshers were allegedly attacked by 12 men wielding pipes and hammers. According to a lawsuit, their old pal Blitz Bilzinsky had been working with the attackers to open up a new club and had paid them $50,000 just days before the attacks. But the violence went both ways: The following spring Harvey was arrested for stabbing Bekir Balaban, yet another former Scores employee.

In 2006 the Manhattan District Attorney's Office brought indictments against Harvey Osher and Richard Goldring, charging that they funneled money through shell companies and falsified tax returns in an attempt to evade taxes on $3.1 million. Both men cut deals. Scores remained open, but the future looked bleak.

In little more than a year, Scores Miami went broke. Scores Las Vegas was sold to Rick's Cabaret. Eventually, seven Scores locations across the U.S. packed it in. In New York the precious celebrity guest pool shrank further. Dancers, earning less money, defected to other strip clubs in Manhattan, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, or Florida.

Not only did customers go to court against Scores; so did the club's own employees. In January 2006, Francis Vargas, a stunning young waitress, was hired as a cocktail server at Scores West and worked there for eight months before being fired that August. Vargas sued for sexual harassment, claiming male managers never left her alone. She was slapped on the ass. A manager pinned her against a wall and tried to kiss her. Another told Vargas to "come and suck [his] dick and [he'll] give [her] $500." Two Scores managers urged Vargas to "sell herself." When she complained, she says, they cut her shifts and exiled her to an unprofitable location in the club.

Siri Diaz, a former bartender, filed a class-action suit against the club, charging that management regularly took 10 percent of



1. The girls of Scores show their stuff during the strip club's heyday. 2. Scores dancer turned porn star Savanna Samson. 3. Celeb patrons Kid Rock, Dennis Rodman, George Clooney, and Tommy Lee. 4. Inside the latest incarnation of Scores.

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workers' tips for themselves (the case is ongoing). "House fees were $180 a night, and you had to tip managers hundreds of dollars nightly," says one dancer. "When I worked the VIP room, management would take 25 percent of my fee right off the top. It was non-negotiable." Intoxicated managers were said to demand kickbacks of up to 50 percent for steering dancers toward high rollers. Checks bounced.

"Management was abrasive and nasty to the girls," says Victoria, the former dancer. "I didn't enjoy going there like I had in the past. We didn't respect the club. We feared it."

A dancer named Alicia quit even though she was owed $3,000. "The bar backs were selling coke. Managers were having sex with waitresses and dancers while on the job. They'd say, 'Come on, baby, let's go have fun.' I left crying five times."

In the dressing rooms, fistfights broke out among dancers over customers and money. "The girls who were in with managers were pushed on high rollers," says Fowler. "Those were a select few girls who'd do prostitution and credit card fraud. It was a drunken, horrible mess. There were no rules."

IT ALL FALLS DOWN

The undercover team trickled into Scores West late on the night of January 24, 2007. Fifty or so patrons were inside, and 20 dancers. As the strippers plied them with lap dances, some of the plainclothes cops, from Manhattan South Vice, downed beers and chatted them up. In conversations with young entertainers, they also wondered what "extras" were available in the locked rooms near the kitchen.

A dancer offered a blow job for $300. A young Russian woman chatting with another detective upped the ante: sexual intercourse for $600. "What happens in the back room," she purred, "stays in the back room."

The undercover squad had heard enough. Uniformed officers wearing raid jackets and bulletproof vests busted into the club, guns drawn. The DJ killed the music. Behind the locked door of one private room, cops discovered a completely naked dancer standing next to a man pulling up his pants. (Charges were eventually dropped.)

Spokesman Lonnie Hanover resigned six months later, after his paycheck bounced. In August 2007, Howard Stern told listeners, "We don't go to Scores anymore." The club's biggest champion for 17 years had moved on. It would turn out to be Scores' death knell.

In March 2008, after a series of hearings at the State Liquor Authority, Judge Robert Karr ruled that sexual activity at Scores West was "open and notorious" and revoked the club's liquor license. The club itself closed within weeks.

Toward the end, at Scores East on East 60th Street, it was a sad scene. A Manhattan sporting goods executive visited last November with colleagues from out of town looking for a big night out. They didn't find it at Scores. A handful of dancers moved listlessly around the showroom floor. An American Express card proffered to pay for a $500 bottle of Patron was rejected. Visa only.

"Are we seeing the B team tonight?" the executive asked an Eastern European dancer.

"Actually, it's the C team," the dancer responded with a shrug.

By the end of the year, after a New Year's Eve blowout, the Scores flagship on the East Side was padlocked. The once glamorous club, which had survived Mob extortion, fatal gunplay, relentless hounding by law enforcement, and inexorable shifts in buzz, was gone.

EVERY THING OLD IS NUDE AGAIN

"With all the potential for expansion, Scores could have been a $100 million empire," says a New York City businessman familiar with the strip club game. "Now it's just a building on the West Side of Manhattan. A good operator could revive it. The name isn't dead."

Last March, as the economy tanked, real estate tycoon Robert Gans, owner of the Penthouse Executive Club in Manhattan, swooped in and bought the Scores West building for a song: $9.58 million, or $500,000 less than the Oshers paid for the 10,000-square-foot space in 2004. And for a measly $400,000, Gans also purchased a controlling interest in the Scores name.

Gans reopened Scores West, advertising on billboards and cable television and in the New York City tabloids. Business has been slow so far, but Gans is optimistic that things will pick up as the economy improves. That didn't seem to be the case on a recent Sunday. Inside at reception, a young woman in a black miniskirt asked for $20 for admission, then thought better of it, and picked up a phone. "Is there anyone onstage?" she asked. There wasn't, so admission was free. Apparently Scores was now a strip club without dancers.

Inside Scores' main room, "Can't Get Enough of Your Love" by Barry White played over the loudspeakers. After Roxanne, the bartender, finished texting her boyfriend about their new dog, I ordered a Maker's Mark. "That's $17," Roxanne chirped. "It's an early-bird special." For the next 90 minutes, as the Steelers built up a 35-21 lead over the Chargers, the stage remained empty. The next Maker's Mark tasted as diluted as the first. A skinny brunette in a black push-up bra calling herself Paris came over for a dance.

"Where are you from?" I asked.

"Paris," she reported with no discernible accent. She was certainly not French.

Eventually, a bald guy in glasses, looking like a middle manager at a discount shoe store, wandered in, doubling the total customer count. By 10 P.M., in a 10,000-square-foot club, there were five entertainers, only one of whom had worked at the old Scores. Ten years ago there might have been 500 customers and 50 dancers. At least the ratio had improved.

Julia, a blonde from Moscow, approached. I wondered if the former celebrity playground still drew a high-profile clientele, like in the glory days. No, Julia said, no celebrities yet, although she'd seen a New York Giant or two.

"What about Howard Stern?"

Julia wrinkled her nose as she turned and headed toward the stage. "Howard who?"

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Jeff Bridges

The man who was, is, and always will be "the Dude" reflects on four decades of screen greatness and his new film, *The Men Who Stare at Goats*.

Your new movie is based on a book about a secret army unit that trains soldiers to employ "sparkly eyes" and other New Age-y techniques to win wars?

Yeah. I read the book and saw the documentary, and I was hooked. It was so wild I couldn't believe it was real—that the government would sponsor something like that. Retired lieutenant colonel Jim Channon is the guy my character is based on. I asked him how he felt about his life's work being made a mockery of in this movie, and he said he just wants people to come to his Web site, firstearthbattalion.org.

Not that you're a hippie-dippy guy, but did you respond to the role because you saw a little bit of yourself in him?

Not consciously, but you're probably right. I am attracted to the kind of movies I like to see myself, which are a little off-center and surprise you—when you think you know what's going to happen, and then it doesn't.

And how did *Iron Man* fit in with this philosophy?

It was a chance to work with Robert Downey Jr. and Jon Favreau. I was a big fan of Jon's going back to *Swingers*. We were lucky to have him as the director, because he's so skilled at improvisation, which, it turned out, we used a lot. You would think with a big budget movie like that, they'd have a script. Often we'd show up for a day's work and not know what we were going to shoot, so we'd go in the trailer and jam.

How often do you get called the Dude in your day-to-day life?

Often. It's a favorite of my movies. I just love it. I couldn't understand why it wasn't a bigger hit when it first came out. It kind of went under the radar. It happened over in Europe, and then it splashed back over here and got a cult following going.

Right. Lebowski Fest. We heard you went to one.

I had my Beatles moment there. I got a little band together and played some music to a sea of Dudes.

Were they all wearing robes and drinking White Russians?

Sure. There were all different sorts: some Little Lebowski Urban Achievers and a few Jesuses there.

You never get tired of it?

I rarely watch my movies on the tube, but *Lebowski* is kind of like *The Godfather* for me. I get hooked. I think, I'll watch until he licks the ball...Well, now I'm going to wait for the next scene, then *that* one.

You just finished the *Tron* sequel. Your costar is none other than Olivia Wilde, *Maxim*'s reigning Hot 100 No. 1.

That was the big news on the set.

Did you give her a lot of crap?

No, we applauded. That was great. She was wonderful. Pretty inside and out, and she's great in *Tron Legacy*.

Can you give us a sneak preview?

It's hard to talk about it, because I don't want to give too much away. Of all the innovation the first *Tron* had, this is today's version of that. Everything's moving so fast.

What were the differences being on set, compared with the first *Tron*? Did you feel like you were on the cutting edge of technology back then?

"I RARELY WATCH MY MOVIES ON THE TUBE, BUT *LEBOWSKI* IS LIKE *THE GODFATHER* FOR ME."

The thing I remember from the original *Tron*...Do you know what a dance belt is? It's kind of like what ladies wear, a thong. So it's not fun to sit down, and we were in these tights all day. And it was this black set with white adhesive tape. It was quite primitive by today's standards. They shot it in 65 mm black and white and then sent it to Korea to be hand-tinted.

And the new one?

It's like the old one came true. I actually found myself being scanned into a computer just like in the first *Tron*. They've got me in there now, and they can jack with me however they want.

You come from a Hollywood family, with dad Lloyd and brother Beau.

My dad had this famous TV series in the '60s called *Sea Hunt*, and he, unlike a lot of movie actors, wanted to turn his kids on to it. I resisted at first. You know how kids don't want to do what their parents say. But the show was so much fun, and I really got into it. I could see why he loved it so much.

He was awesome in *Airplane!*

We loved to see my dad in that movie, because in real life he was such a pure individual, really straight, so the pills and the sniffing glue... classic, isn't it?

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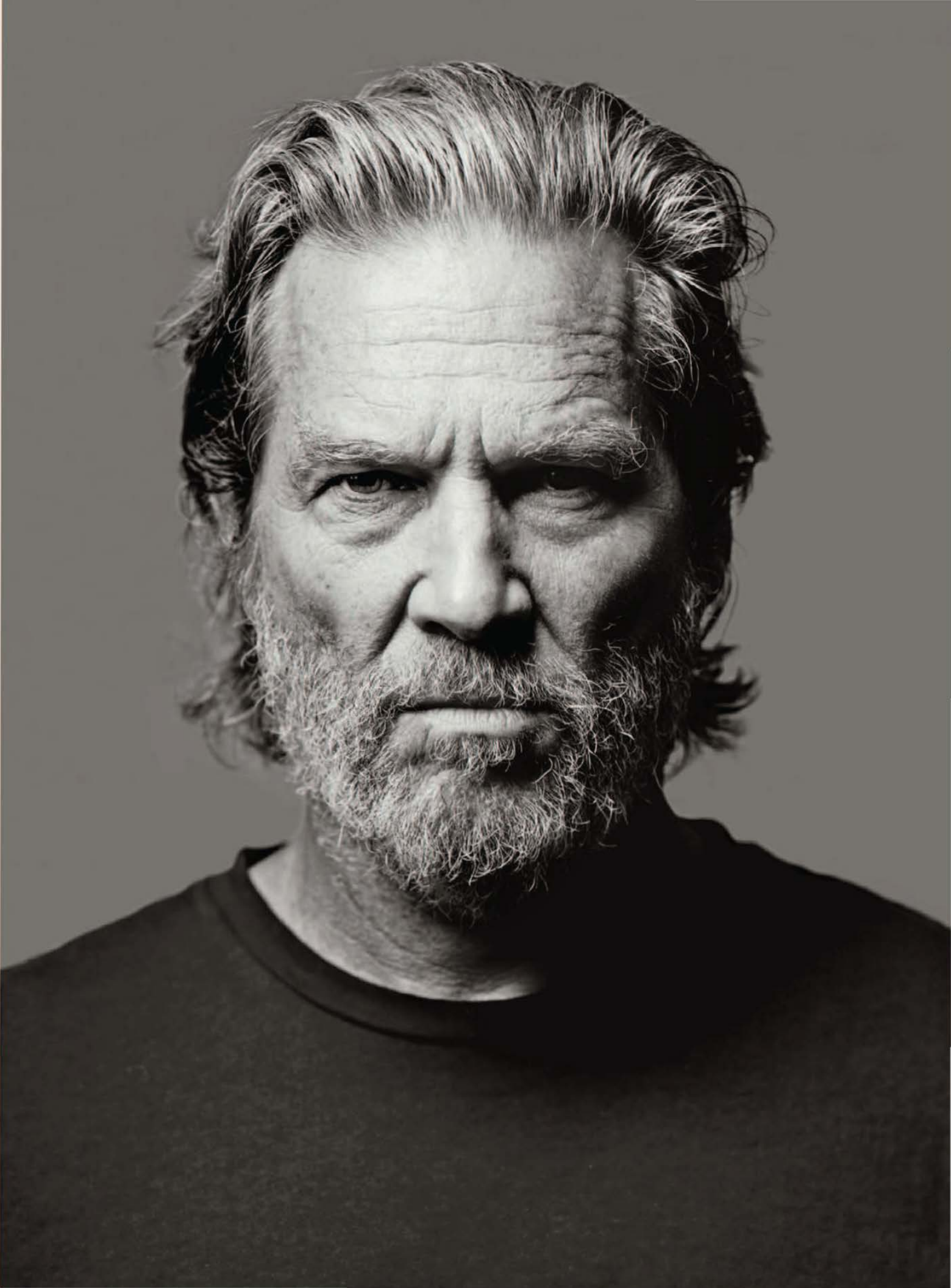

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Were you mad that your mom made you finish school?
At the time I hated it. I was like, "Mom, this is so unfair. There's so much opportunity out there!" But I'm thankful for it now, because the experience helped me stay grounded.

How crazy is life as a model?
Being a model is a test of will—it's like no other industry. They take girls who are 14 or 15 and throw them into different countries where they don't know anybody or speak the language or anything.

Now you're starting to get into acting. Do you have a favorite former-model actress?
Cameron Diaz. Imagine if I could have her career? I'd love that.

What was the worst job you had before modeling?
Working at Home Depot. I had the orange vest, and I'd say, "Hi, my name is Kelly."

Tell us something you miss about Texas.
You'd think living in L.A., there would be some good Mexican places, but I haven't found one. So every time I go home, I go to town on some chili con queso.

Speaking of cheese, we bet you hear some bad lines.
Yeah. This one guy asked, "Are you from Tennessee? 'Cause you're the only ten I see."

Oof, that's bad.
I know...the poor thing.

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IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY, CERTAIN YEARS STAND AS PIVOTAL MOMENTS: 1492. 1776. 1969. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? THOSE YEARS CAN SUCK IT. BECAUSE 25 YEARS AGO, THE BEST 12 MONTHS EVER TO GRACE A CALENDAR HAPPENED. WE'RE TALKING **1984**, AND, MAN, WAS IT HEATHER LOCKLEAR–LICIOUS! FROM *BORN IN THE U.S.A.* TO MICHAEL JORDAN'S ROOKIE YEAR TO *WHO'S THE BOSS?*, A MORE TUBULAR TIME HAS YET TO BE SEEN. SO STRAP ON A NEON HEADBAND, POP IN A VAN HALEN CASSETTE, AND COME JUMP WITH US INTO THE YEAR TO RULE THEM ALL.

BITCHIN' FLICKS

TAWNY KITAEN: WOMAN OF THE YEAR

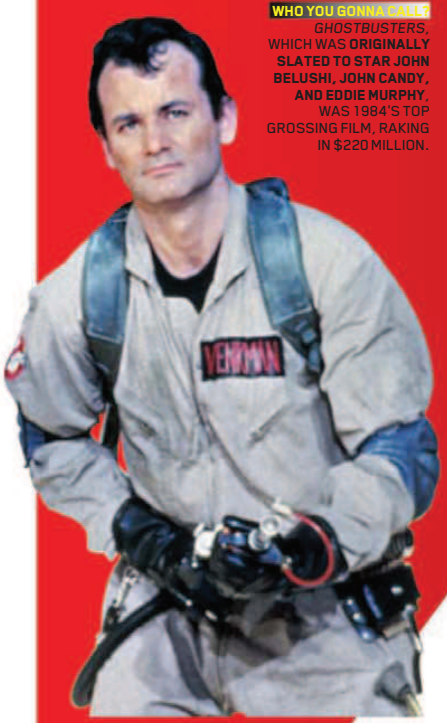
Everyone talks about *The Hangover* and *Superbad* when they name crazy sex comedies, but *Bachelor Party* is the pioneer of that genre.
That's true. The movie was ahead of its time. And as fun as it is to watch, it was even more fun to be in. I was Debbie, Tom Hanks' fiancée.

Did you have any idea that Tom Hanks was going to go from playing a stripper-chasing guy to the most respected actor in the biz?
It's not surprising. I remember seeing him in between takes reading *Time* magazine. The thing about Tom is that not only is he a great actor, he stays out of trouble. How many male actors can you say that about?

You're a hair-metal icon—the legs on a Ratt album cover and the greatest hood ornament of all time in those Whitesnake videos.
People still come up to me and talk about it. It's awesome. I had a great time performing splits during those videos.

What do you remember about the notorious Rainbow Room scene during the mid-'80s?
I remember when the lights came on at 2 A.M., every girl ducked underneath the tables. Your makeup may have worn off and you had to look just right. I remember dating the guy who managed Van Halen and going on tour with them when Van Halen was like the Beatles. People would look at David Lee Roth and Eddie and they would just drool. I'll never forget those days.

Are you still recognized as the babe from *Bachelor Party*?
Yes. Just last week, I was at the airport and there was a problem with my ticket. My flight was leaving, and they had to call security. I said, "Did you ever see *Bachelor Party*? I'm in it." She said, "Is that you? All right, go ahead on the flight." I don't think the Whitesnake videos would have gotten me through airport security, but *Bachelor Party* made it happen.



WHO YOU GONNA CALL? *GHOSTBUSTERS*, WHICH WAS **ORIGINALLY SLATED TO STAR JOHN BELUSHI, JOHN CANDY, AND EDDIE MURPHY**, WAS 1984'S TOP GROSSING FILM, RAKING IN $220 MILLION.

"It was a mystery the first day of filming *Ghostbusters* whether Bill would show up. He's elusive, as great stars should be. The success of the movie is based 50% on the rest of the cast, production, and direction, and the other 50% is Bill Murray." Dan Aykroyd

DAVID ST. HUBBINS SPEAKS

"*This Is Spiñal Tap* is one of the greatest comedies of all time. I've seen it at least 50 times."
BILL HADER

TAPPING THE MIND OF SPIÑAL TAP'S SHAGGY FRONTMAN.

***THIS IS SPIÑAL TAP* WAS AHEAD OF ITS TIME. YOU WERE THE FIRST REALITY SHOW.**
I feel like Typhoid Mary now that you put it that way. We're the Patient Zero of rock'n'roll.

A QUARTER CENTURY HAS PASSED SINCE *THIS IS SPIÑAL TAP* WAS RELEASED. THAT MOVIE JUST WON'T GO AWAY, WILL IT?
No, it's all got a bad smell, doesn't it? It's like a misspelled tattoo on your forehead.

THE DOC SEEMED LIKE A HATCHET JOB.
Thank you, agreed. [Bassist] Derek Smalls pointed out that the 45-city tour in 1982 wasn't that bad. He was right. I would say easily nine out of 10 times the pod containing the bass player would open beautifully, virtually without a sound. Often without the sound of the bass player playing—that was another electronic issue. But to take that one night when things went wrong was a disgrace.

WHAT ARE SOME GOOD THINGS THE DIRECTOR LEFT ON THE CUTTING ROOM FLOOR?
Gigs we showed up less than 20 minutes late for. Semi-promptness is a virtue. Our nails were always nice. Grooming is very important, but you can't see that in a documentary.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO MICHAEL MOORE DOING A FOLLOW-UP DOC?
I don't know about that. I'd like to see what's under that baseball cap. He's more the type to follow REO Speedwagon.

CAN NIGEL FINALLY MAKE A SANDWICH?
Nigel has a Cuisinart, and he puts everything in it and slugs it all down like a smoothie.

TAP JUST TOURED. ANY MORE DATES COMING?
We always like to play for a billionaire who has a son who needs a band to play his bar mitzvah. We'll take a couple of million pounds to play a one-night-only show and stay in a nice hotel or on a yacht.

SO TAP WILL PLAY BAR MITZVAHS?
Yes. We'll even do a Santeria ritual as long as we get a million pounds.

(PREVIOUS SPREAD) TYPOGRAPHY AND SLUGS, SEAN FREEMAN

JANUARY

"Where's the Beef?" asks Wendy's. Between your buns!

Jacko's hair catches fire filming a Pepsi commercial. Hot.

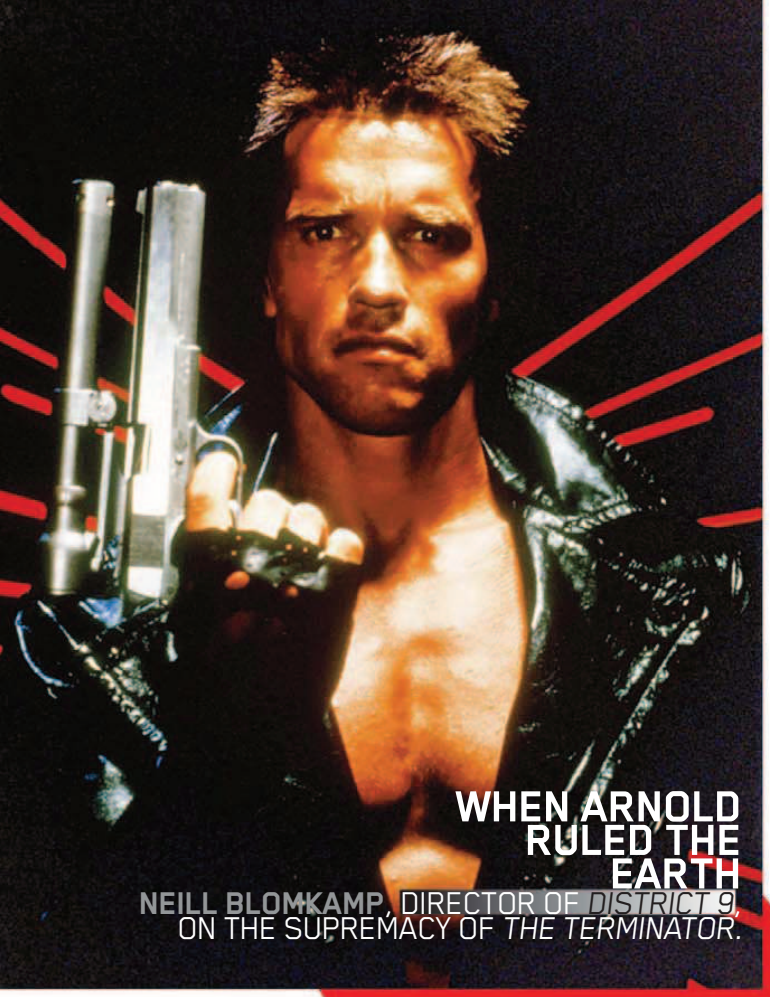
The Mac debuts. Online porn that much closer.

FEBRUARY

Even though it feels so good, U.S. Marines pull out of Beirut.

Astronauts fly jet packs in space. Sadly, no moon babes were there to see it.

BORN IN '84: Karolina Kurkova. Baby has great bone structure.



WHEN ARNOLD RULED THE EARTH

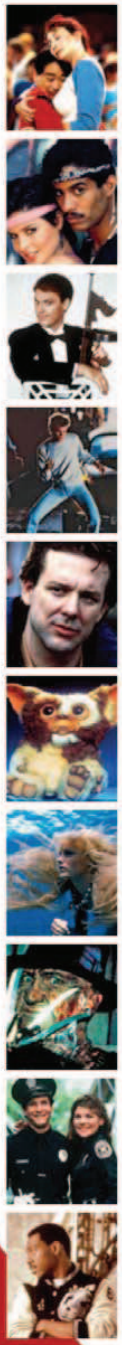
NEILL BLOMKAMP, DIRECTOR OF *DISTRICT 9*, ON THE SUPREMACY OF *THE TERMINATOR*.

TERMINATOR: A CLOSE CALL FOR HIS BREAKOUT BLOCKBUSTER, **JAMES CAMERON INITIALLY CONSIDERED O.J. SIMPSON FOR THE PART** OF THE TERMINATOR, BUT HE DIDN'T THINK PEOPLE WOULD BELIEVE "SUCH A NICE GUY COULD BE A RUTHLESS KILLER." INSTEAD, THE ROLE WENT TO AHNOLD AND CEMENTED HIS STATUS AS THE 1980S' ULTIMATE ACTION HERO.

AFTER *THE TERMINATOR* WAS RELEASED, I first had to endure a horrific two- or three-year wait period where I simply couldn't get my hands on it. From the time I was about 11, I was aware of the film. Every time I entered a video store, I would instantly go and seek out the shelf that displayed the VHS cover of Schwarzenegger holding the long-slide 1911 with the laser sight and the red digital code in his sunglasses, and then be forced to rent *He-Man* or some other lame show because I was "too young for that movie." When I was about 12, my cousin had a magazine with lots of stills from *Terminator*. The magazine came with me on my family vacation where I spent the whole time redrawing each image. By the time I finally saw it, I was 13. I was at a friend's house and saw the cover on his shelf. I almost fainted.

I think it scared me more than I was expecting, because the Terminator is horrifying. But of course, at 13, things are much more literal. It's not about the Cold War and nuclear genocide—it's about a robot guy who shoots things. The idea of a terrifying cyborg and the mechanical requirements to bring that to life had me wound up with so much creative energy. Illustrations and crappy sculptures just didn't satiate the hunger I felt.

When I was making *District 9,* I tried to keep other movies out of my mind. But I think *The Terminator* affected me so much that it had to find its way into *District 9* one way or another. The idea of man and machine is hugely interesting to me, and although it doesn't happen in the same way as in *The Terminator,* there is a cybernetic link between Wikus and the exo suit. I also think the pieces falling off of him could be traced to when the Terminator has the exposed mechanics and then cuts out his eye. There's also the overall tone of *District 9,* which although more satirical than *The Terminator*'s, does have the same kind of raw '80s violence. *Terminator* is the movie that made me want to make movies.



THE ULTIMATE '84 NETFLIX QUEUE

SIXTEEN CANDLES "NO MORE YANKIE MY WANKIE. THE DONGER NEED FOOD!"

BREAKIN' WHITE KIDS POP AND LOCK; GRANDPARENTS CLUTCH THEIR WALLETS.

JOHNNY DANGEROUSLY "YOU FARGIN' ICEHOLE!"

FOOTLOOSE "...AND HE WAS IN THAT MOVIE WITH KEVIN BACON."

THE POPE OF GREENWICH VILLAGE ERIC ROBERTS OUT-WEIRDS MICKEY ROURKE BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS.

GREMLINS DON'T FEED THEM AFTER MIDNIGHT.

SPLASH MERMAID NIPPLES AHOY!

A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET WORST. MANICURE. EVER.

POLICE ACADEMY THAT GUY'S MOUTH REALLY, REALLY SOUNDS LIKE A MACHINE GUN!

BEVERLY HILLS COP EDDIE WHEN HE WAS FUNNY.

1984's Biggest Asshole Was...

Johnny, *The Karate Kid*'s evil Cobra Kai nemesis who was all too happy to "sweep the leg."

OR

Stan, the head jock of the Alpha Beta frat house who inspires the Nerds to seek their revenge.

Billy Zabka: **"I was once named the No. 1 asshole of all time, which is pretty cool. There's a band called Sweep the Leg Johnny, and on Halloween guys dress up as the Cobra Kai. Still, I've spent a lot of my life diffusing the idea of who people think I am. They're like, 'Man, that guy is such a dick!' I think a lot of it is the feathered hair and headband. Who'd have known that this many years later I would still be notorious for being the bad guy from the '80s?"**

Ted McGinley: **"I remember when I got the film, I was so embarrassed to admit it. I wouldn't tell my friends. But the very first day I saw Robert Carradine and Anthony Edwards doing the nerd laugh, and I thought, *Oh, my God, this is going to be fantastic.* And I got into it. You know, on a certain level people believe you are whatever you play, and I truly love that. I've often said that if you're not going to get the girl, then at least play the asshole."**

Zoe, the first frozen-embryo child, is born. Chilly bitch.

BORN IN '84: Olivia Wilde "Come here often, baby?" says baby next to her in maternity ward.

Bozo the Clown runs for president. Limbaugh decries his liberal oversize shoes.

Marvin Gaye shot by his dad. Sexual healing doesn't work.

Massive earthquake rocks San Francisco. Not such a treat.

Pete Rose enters 4,000 hits club. Bet he was excited.

MARCH

APRIL

TOTALLY RAD TV

Who's in Charge?

IN 1984 TWO ITALIAN-AMERICAN TOUGH GUYS TOOK ROLES AS MALE NANNIES. WE WANTED TO KNOW: WHO IS, IN FACT, THE BOSS?

TONY DANZA
Who's the Boss?

V

SCOTT BAIO
Charles in Charge

Who came first?

"I thought they came on after us. Imitation is the purest form of flattery. It happens every once in a while, people say to me, 'Hey, Charles!' I say, 'Sorry, wrong show.'"

"I think we came first, but I really don't care one way or the other. We were both fairly popular actors, and they were both pretty good ideas."

EDGE: Tony

Coolest "How I got the role" story?

"These TV execs said, 'We have three show ideas: In one you're a helicopter pilot. In another you're a tough cop. In the third you're a housekeeper. My agent said 'I like the housekeeper one.'"

"A TV producer asked the girls from *The Facts of Life* who they thought would be good for *Charles in Charge*, and, supposedly, they unanimously said me."

EDGE: Scott

Who was the better housekeeper?

"People would say, 'You're such a good actor, you look like you really know how to clean.' And I said, 'Are you kidding? My mom wouldn't let me go out until the bathrooms were clean.'"

"Charles didn't clean much—he was a 'manny.' He just took care of the kids, you know, made sure they were alive."

EDGE: Tony

Hotter girl: Alyssa Milano or Nicole Eggert?

"Some schmo would go, 'I really like your daughter.' I'd say, 'I'll smack ya. She's 12!' As she got older, Alyssa would say, 'I already have an Italian father. I don't need another one!'"

"I had guys come up and tell me I was lucky to work with Nicole. I said, 'Yeah, I agree.' And don't forget the other girl, Josie Davis, who grew into a beautiful woman."

EDGE: Scott

Trash Talk

"I'd clean Scott Baio's ass with a vacuum cleaner, are you kidding me?"

"I never really watched Tony's show. Maybe I was out that night. I'm sure I caught a couple minutes. I don't think Danza was home saying, 'Hey, let's see what *Charles in Charge* is doing.'"

EDGE: Tony

WINNER: Tony takes the title of 1984's Best Manny! "1984 was one of the best years," he says. "It was the one that changed my life."

1984 BABE

"I like a man with a sense of humor, who is sensitive, kind of laid-back. Scott is all of that." Heather Locklear on then-boyfriend Scott Baio

THIS IS ALEX TREBEK!

I had no idea that *Jeopardy!* would be on 25 years after we started in '84. I have never competed on the show because if I compete, someone else would have to host. And that somebody might be very good, and I don't want to give our producers any ideas. Ideas in the minds of our producers are dangerous things. I shaved my mustache seven or eight years ago. My lack of mustache has not affected game play, but it does make me look younger. Maybe elements of my brain have filtered out where the mustache used to be, but the amazing thing is, I am so talented I can grow it back anytime I want.

HOW TO GROW PERFECT *MIAMI VICE* STUBBLE

OTHER TV BABIES BORN THIS YEAR

THE COSBY SHOW
MULTICOLOR-SWEATER SALES SKYROCKET!

NIGHT COURT
MAGICIANS! BALD MEN! HOOKERS!

MIAMI VICE
BRING ON THE PASTELS AND THE COKE.

AIRWOLF
JAN-MICHAEL VINCENT GETS SUPER HIGH.

PUNKY BREWSTER
MOMMY, WHAT'S THAT FUNNY FEELING IN MY PANTS?

MTV VIDEO MUSIC AWARDS
HOSTED BY TEEN FAVORITES DAN AYKROYD AND BETTE MIDLER!

ILLUSTRATION, JAMESON SIMPSON

MAY

Haunted Castle at Six Flags Great Adventure burns down.

Cowabunga! *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* comic debuts.

Andy Kaufman dies... or does he?

JUNE

"The Night Stalker" murders his first victim. Bad hobby, dude.

Val Kilmer and his giant white teeth debut in *Top Secret!*

Jordan, Barkley, Olajuwon, and Stockton are drafted. Ballin'!

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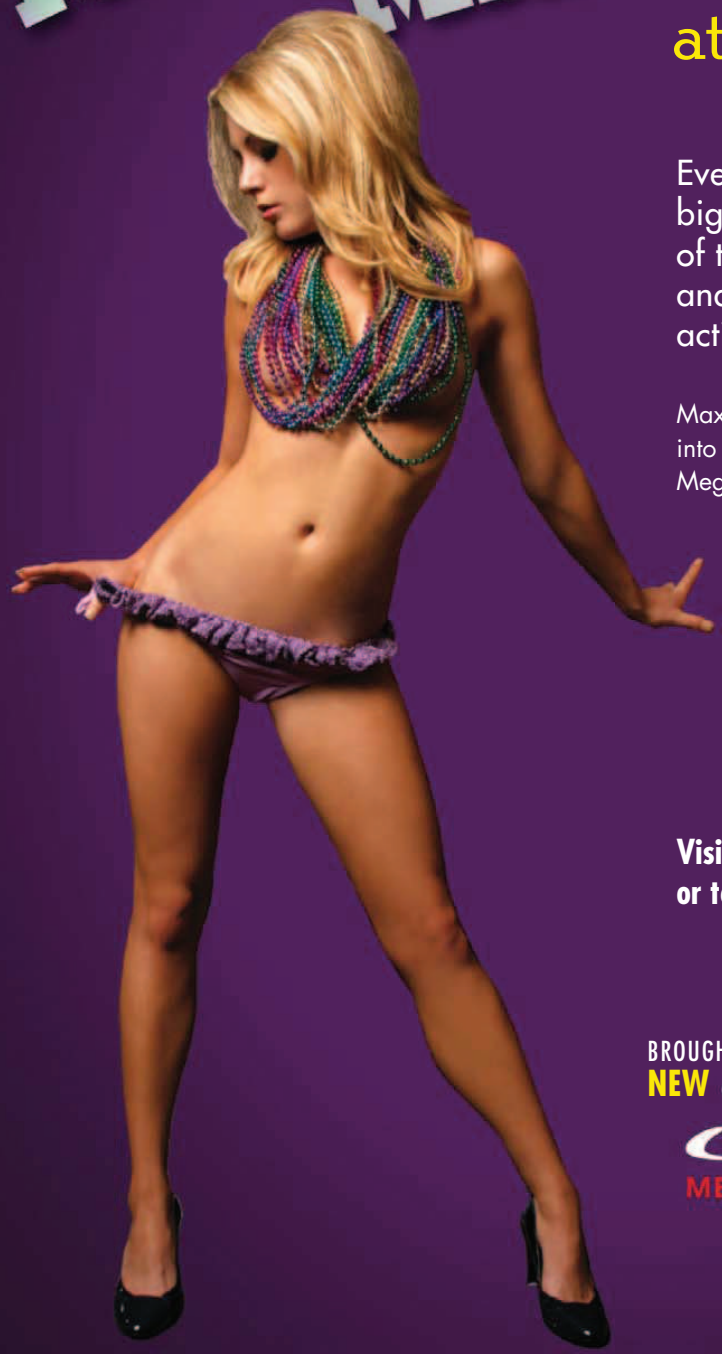

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TUBULAR TUNES

Rock of Ages

VITAL VINYL

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN, *BORN IN THE U.S.A.* RED, WHITE, AND BRU-U-U-CE.

CYNDI LAUPER, *SHE'S SO UNUSUAL* IT'S ABSOLUTELY TRUE. NOT AT ALL USUAL.

HÜSKER DÜ, *ZEN ARCADE* CHALLENGES SPIÑAL TAP FOR BEST USE OF UMLAUTS.

MADONNA, *LIKE A VIRGIN* MORE LIKE A SLUTTY, PUNKY VIXEN WITH DADDY ISSUES.

METALLICA, *RIDE THE LIGHTNING* THRASH-MEISTERS GET ÜBER-HEAVY.

PRINCE AND THE REVOLUTION, *PURPLE RAIN* THE PURPLEST ONE'S MASTERPIECE.

R.E.M., *RECKONING* GEORGIA JANGLE-KINGS TAKE IT TO 11.

THE REPLACEMENTS, *LET IT BE* AND THEN THERE WAS INDIE ROCK!

RUN-D.M.C., *RUN-D.M.C.* HELLO, HIP-HOP. WELCOME TO THE MAINSTREAM.

TWISTED SISTER, *STAY HUNGRY* THE BIGGEST HAIR, THE GROSSEST MAKEUP.

THE SMITHS, *THE SMITHS* NEVER HAS DEPRESSION SOUNDED SO SWEET.

HOLD STEADY SINGER **CRAIG FINN** ON THE YEAR THAT CHANGED HIS LIFE.

1984—what an absolutely monumental year in music. **Springsteen** and **Prince** became pop megastars, with great songs dripping with '80s synthy production. **Madonna** and **Cyndi Lauper** brought an edgy sexuality into the mainstream. **ZZ Top**'s "Legs" and **Van Halen**'s "Jump" were taking MTV back from **Duran Duran** and **Boy George.** And hip-hop was making its mark—I still remember walking into a record store with a friend, who bought a record by **Grandmaster Flash.** I was like, "What is that?" What's amazing is that it's also the year indie rock took its great leap forward: *Reckoning* by **R.E.M.**, *Double Nickels on the Dime* by the **Minutemen**, *Zen Arcade* by **Hüsker Dü**, and *Let It Be* by the **Replacements**—these records are just massive. They showed kids like me that really anyone could be in a band. And that has a ton to do with what I do now.

DANCE FEVER

"I'll never forget *Purple Rain*, because of Apollonia's tit-tays. '84 was gnarly, so George Orwell can kiss my ass."
Travis McCoy, Gym Class Heroes

HOW TO DO THE KING TUT

Your aim is to become a living hieroglyph. As you change positions, do so with a definite snap. Ready? Let's break!

1. Stand like this. 2. Now like this. 3. Then like this. 4. Then like that. 5. Dip. Take home 10 chicks and bang them at once. Nap.

ILLUSTRATION, JAMESON SIMPSON

JULY

Mondale selects Ferraro. 100% ball-less ticket.

Gunman enters a McDonald's and kills 21, wounds 19. McTragedy!

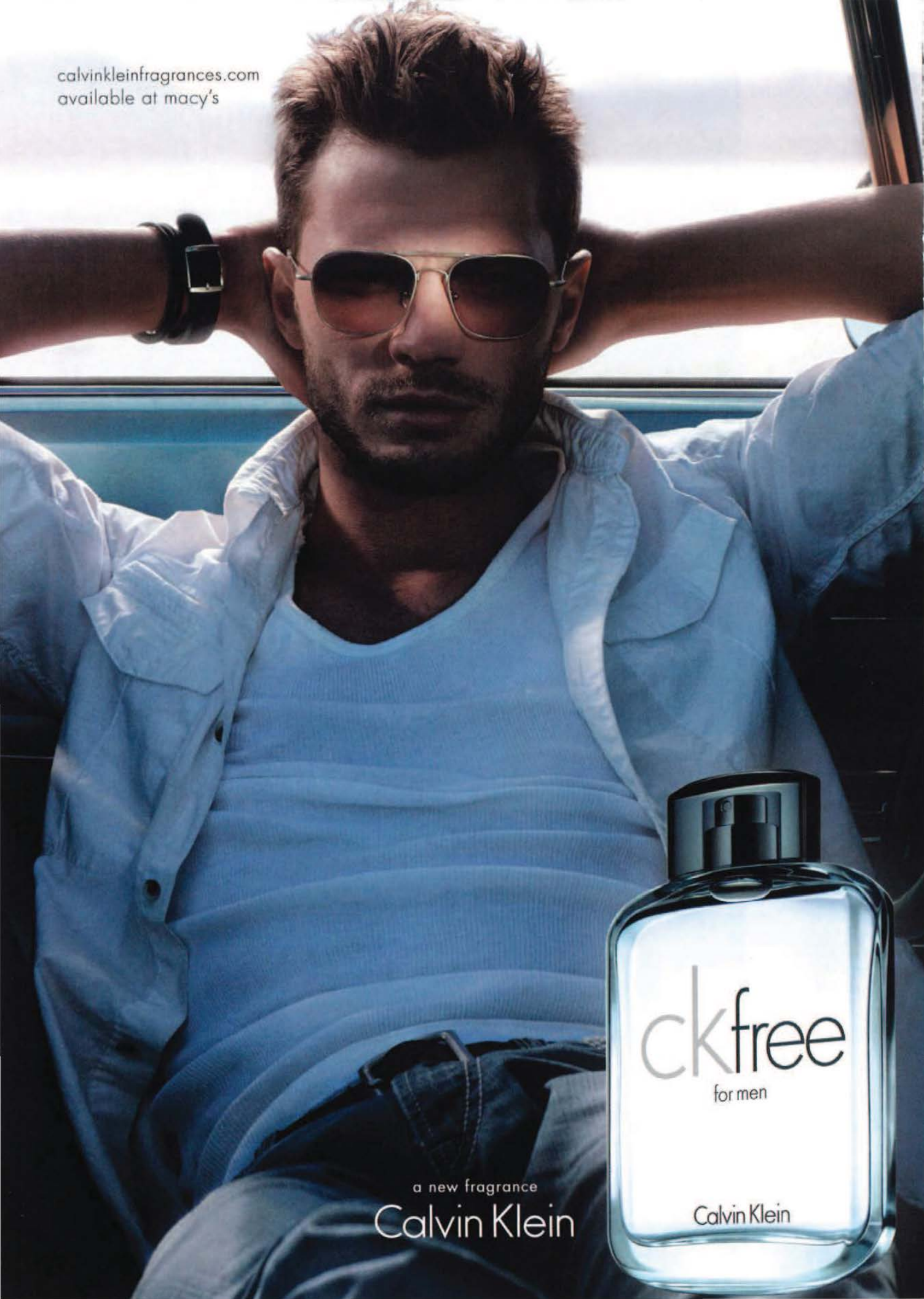
Vanessa Williams surrenders Miss America crown. *Penthouse* rules.

AUGUST

Russians boycott Summer Olympics in L.A. Russky wimps.

Ronald Reagan jokes into open mic about bombing Russia. Oh, Ronnie!

Charlie Sheen takes on the Commies in *Red Dawn*. Blows paycheck on blow.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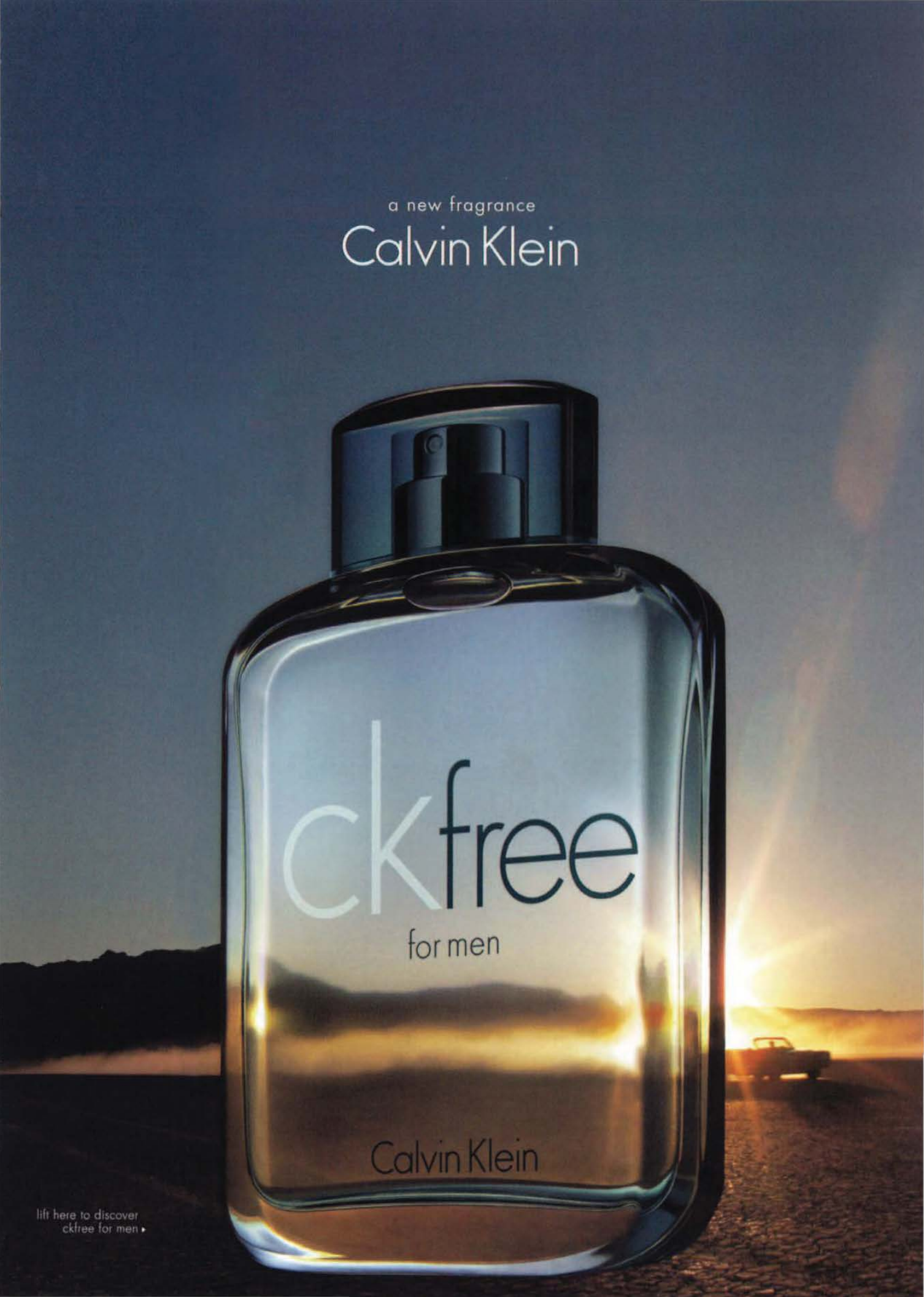
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VIDIOT BOX

ONCE WAS A TIME WHEN THE MUSIC WAS ALL WE NEEDED. THEN MTV SAID, "NO, YOU ALSO NEED IMAGES OF MEN IN TIGHT-FITTING PANTS."

"JUMP"
VAN HALEN
DIAMOND DAVE PROVES A DUDE CAN DO THE FLYING SPLITS AND STILL BE MANLY.

"GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN"
CYNDI LAUPER
CAPTAIN LOU CHALLENGES MADONNA FOR THE SEX SYMBOL CROWN AND WINS. REST IN PEACE, YOU RUBBER BANDED BASTARD!

"DANCING IN THE DARK"
BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MEET COURTENEY COX, FUTURE COUGAR!

"WE'RE NOT GONNA TAKE IT"
TWISTED SISTER
NEIDERMEYER! WE MISS YOU!

"LIKE A VIRGIN"
MADONNA
MADGE OUT-GAGAS LADY GAGA 25 YEARS BEFOREHAND.

"THRILLER"
MICHAEL JACKSON
JACKO—INTENTIONALLY CREEPY FOR ONCE!

"DO THEY KNOW IT'S CHRISTMAS?"
BAND AID
CONSIDERING THAT ETHIOPIA IS 63% CHRISTIAN, WE'LL GO WITH "YEP."

THE GREATEST MUSIC VIDEO OF ALL TIME

Hells Angels! Playmates! White fur-covered 360-degree-rotating guitars! Ankle socks! ZZ Top's "Legs" rules all other videos, and it all started with a question as old as time itself: What does every teenage boy want? "Girls and cars," answers lead guitarist Billy Gibbons. And so director Tim Newman developed a narrative that delivered both in spades. Noting that the heavily bearded band members are "kind of odd-looking," he came up with the idea to make them ancient mystics with superpowers. "Their mission was to rescue miserable and unhappy dudes from some crappy life. They're in cahoots with these girls, and when the band decided someone was worthy, the girls would pull the car over and flirt with the guy. Then the band would appear and throw the victim this magical key chain with a Z on it. The keys were a license to have fun." Once the lucky nerd was set, the Top would send him off with a swooping hand gesture, developed while killing time on the set. "Legs" was shot over two days in the Southern California desert and succeeds because, as MTV VJ Alan Hunter says, "'Legs' had everything a really great '80s video needed: wimps, bullies, babes, zippered jackets, fuzzy guitars, a hot car, and a total lack of self-consciousness."

U.K. agrees to return Hong Kong to China in 1997. U.K. hungry one hour later.

Transformers and GoBots invade your TV.

BORN IN '84: Avril Lavigne

SEPTEMBER

Ethiopian famine inspires U.S.A. for Africa and lots of jokes.

Baby receives a baboon heart. Flings feces at Sweet 16.

The Testarossa roars to life. Penis size made up for.

OCTOBER

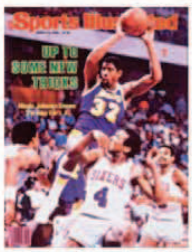
GNARLY SPORTS

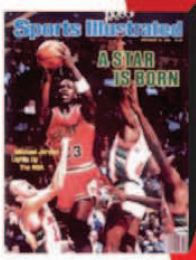
MJ, MAC & MAGIC

Back before ESPN took the title of the Worldwide Leader in Sports, *Sports Illustrated* held the crown. And in 1984, one of the best years in athletic history, the magazine chronicled everything from **Doug Flutie**'s Hail Mary pass and **Mary Lou Retton**'s vaults to **Michael Jordan**'s debut and **Paulina Porizkova**'s curves (thus sparking the debut of several *Maxim* staffers' boners. God, MJ looked good in '84).

PAULINA PORIZKOVA
FIVE YEARS AFTER GRACING THE COVER OF THE *SI* SWIMSUIT ISSUE, THE CZECH STUNNER GAVE HOPE TO SKELETONS EVERYWHERE BY MARRYING THE CARS' FRONTMAN, RIC OCASEK.

1984 BABE





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JOHNNY MAC:

"I was a pretty good-looking guy in 1984. I finally figured out that frizzy look didn't work all that great."
John McEnroe

IN 1984 A 21-YEAR-OLD BALLER FROM NORTH CAROLINA BURST ONTO THE SCENE LIKE FEW ATHLETES IN HISTORY. BEFORE THE YEAR WAS OVER, MICHAEL JORDAN HAD BEEN NAMED COLLEGE BASKETBALL'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR, LED THE U.S. TO THE OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL, SCORED A CONTRACT WITH NIKE, TOOK THE NBA BY STORM, AND GRACED THE FIRST OF 56 *SPORTS ILLUSTRATED* COVERS.

WE LIKE MIKE:

"HE'S GOT TALENT, AND HE'S GOT THE BLUE LIGHT. THAT'S EVEN BETTER THAN THE GREEN LIGHT."
THE SPURS' JOHNNY MOORE

"HE'LL PROBABLY BE ONE OF THE GUYS WHO INVENT A NEW POSITION."
THE PISTONS' ISIAH THOMAS

"I'D LIKE TO PLAY IN AT LEAST ONE ALL-STAR GAME."
MICHAEL JORDAN
(HIS AIRNESS WOULD PLAY IN 14)

NOVEMBER

Film debut alert! Johnny Depp gets Freddy-ed in *A Nightmare on Elm Street*.

Air Jordans: $100 for a pair of sneakers? Crazy!

BORN IN '84: Scarlett Johansson arrives, and all is well in the world.

DECEMBER

Def Leppard drummer loses an arm in a car crash, keeps beat.

Bernie Goetz goes vigilante on N.Y.C. subway. Next stop: infamy.

BORN IN '84: LeBron James comes out of his mom and drives straight for the hoop.

George Cabrera

Tire Shop Owner/Neighbor

"I don't think tires keep me in business, I think people keep me in business."

La Perla corset with suspenders
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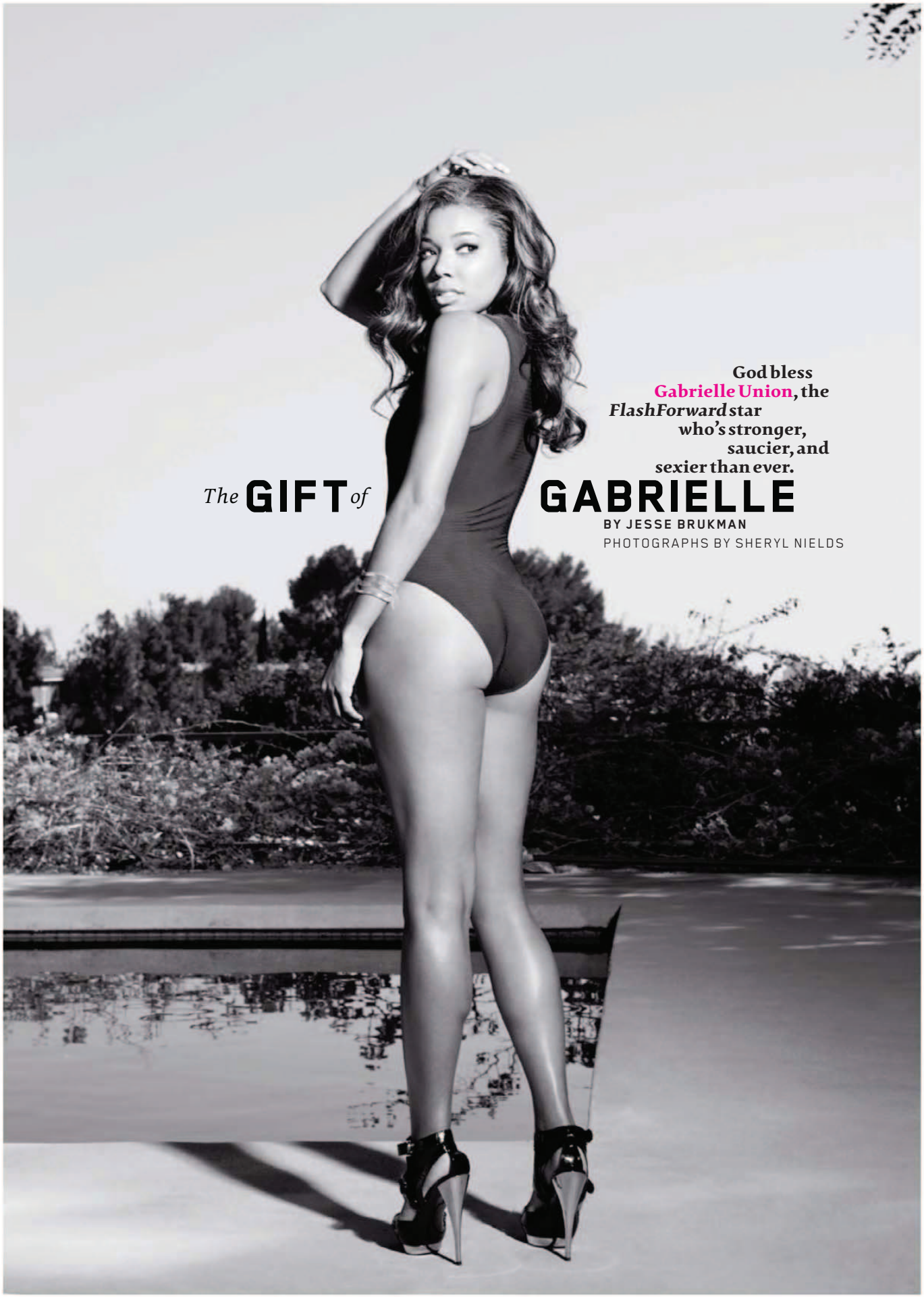
bodysuit and shoes



The GIFT *of* GABRIELLE

God bless Gabrielle Union, the *FlashForward* star who's stronger, saucier, and sexier than ever.

BY JESSE BRUKMAN

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"MY PRIEST TEXTED ME THE DAY
OF THE SHOOT. OF ALL THE DAYS,
IT'S THE ONE I'M NAKED IN STILETTOS."

La Perla bra and panty
Judith Ripka earrings and bangles
(previous page) **Hurley** swimsuit
Michelle Roy Designs necklace

Gabrielle Union exploded into every male teenager's dreams with the 2000 cheerleader flick *Bring It On*. (Yeah, we know you saw it, tough guy.) Then she provided ample distraction between Michael Bay explosions as Martin Lawrence's smokin' sister in *Bad Boys II*. (Shit just got real.) Now the inhumanly hot Gabrielle is back in ABC's *FlashForward*, a twisted time-traveling drama about an Earth briefly thrown six months into the future, then just as suddenly back to the present...with sexy results. We can't wait!

BABE-OGRAPHY

Five fantastic things you should know about Gabrielle.

1. While studying at **UCLA**, Gabrielle got an internship at a **modeling agency.** After she graduated, she was immediately signed by her former employee.
2. She became the first African-American love interest on ***Friends*** in 2001 and later called herself "the Rosa Parks of Must-See TV."
3. She was an all-star point guard in high school, which prepared her for the mental and physical demands of costarring in ***Bring It On.***
4. In 1997 she played a sexy Klingon named N'Garren in ***Star Trek: Deep Space Nine.***
5. She has publicly thanked J.Lo for putting ample bottoms on the map.

You play a criminal defense attorney on *FlashForward*. Six months doesn't seem like a lot of time. How is that going to change your character much?
Well, everyone has seen a snapshot, a glimpse six months into his future. One guy blacks out while taking a shit, then six months later he's on the toilet taking a shit. So not everyone's experience is crazy. But let's say you're working at *Maxim* now. In half a year you're lying on the couch with the want ads, and you're like, "What the hell?" How can you go back to work knowing that?

Good point. So what if you, not your character, got a glimpse into the future?
When I think about what I was doing six months ago and if I had a *FlashForward*–like vision, I'd probably have seen a lot of unemployment. Or maybe me and Scorsese knocking back a few. Neither of those things came true, so you never know.

Wait, you were worried by the recession? Don't you actor types live in a different, more awesome universe than the rest of us?
You'd think! Or at least that's what my relatives think when they ask for a loan. But they just aren't making as many shows or movies right now. You used to have tons of things to choose from, but now there's so much more competition for parts.

So you're seeing Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie auditioning for the next season of *House*?
No, I think Angelina and Brad have escaped the recession. But even someone like Megan Fox, who's superhot right now, you can see it happening to her. If whatever she follows up with doesn't hit, it's a really quick fall to "Who the hell was that girl from the movies with the robots?"

Is it true you had to talk to your priest before our shoot?
No-o-o. I hadn't heard from him in a year, and he randomly texted me to make sure I'm on my path of continued faith. I'm thinking, This is hilarious! Of all the days to text me, it's the day I'm naked in stilettos.

Did you text him back?
No, I went ahead with the shoot and waited till the next day. In Catholicism we're a forgiving bunch.

Well, we're very grateful. Everyone's always talking about your killer smile. Have you ever thought of insuring any part of your body?
No, I just keep my orthodontist close at hand. I mean, I barely have dental! I want to see what's going on with Obama and that public option. But I don't know if his plan is going to cover my teeth. Or my ass.

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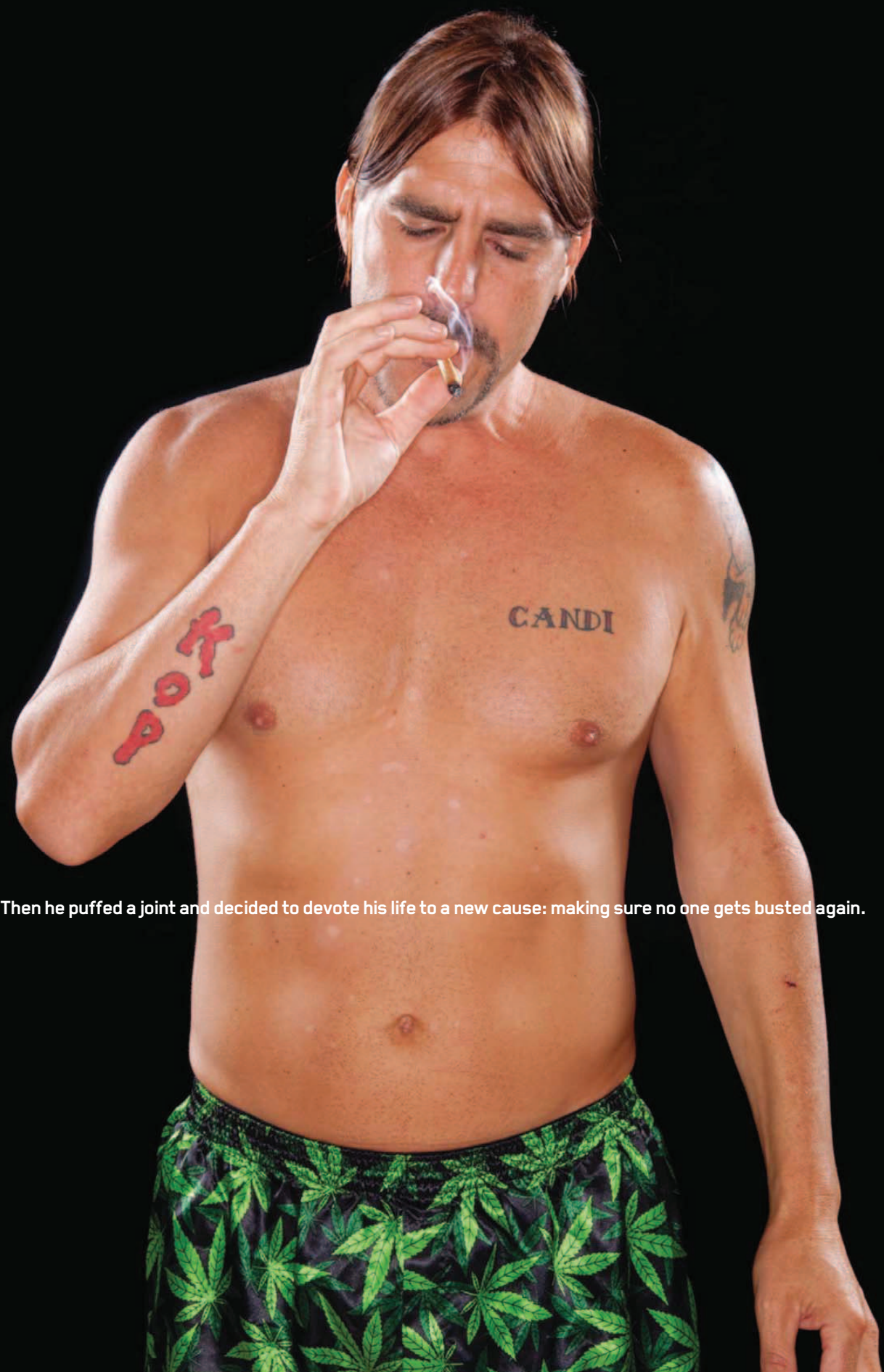
AND THEN

As the top narco cop in Texas, Barry Cooper arrested hundreds of people on drug charges.

HE GOT HIGH



Then he puffed a joint and decided to devote his life to a new cause: making sure no one gets busted again.

BY MELBA NEWSOME PHOTOGRAPHS BY BRENT HUMPHREYS

IT'S AFTER 2 P.M. ON A 100-DEGREE SATURDAY IN LATE JULY WHEN

I arrive at the two-story suburban tract home near Austin that 40-year-old Barry Cooper shares with his wife, Candi, 30, and their four kids. Although they're expecting me, it takes a while for the 6'1", 200-pound Cooper to emerge, barefoot, heavy-lidded, and stifling a yawn. I quickly learn that not much happens around here before noon.

"I got up at 8 A.M. for a funeral a few weeks ago," Cooper notes in a deliberate, nasal Texas twang. "That's probably the earliest I've gotten up in years." He huffs a *Beavis and Butt-head* chuckle.

Considering his shaggy hair, tattoos, goatee, and earring, it's hard to believe this man was once regarded as "probably the best narcotics officer in Texas and maybe the country" by his former police force commander. But Cooper's got the evidence to prove it.

He slips a DVD into his computer and hits play. Grainy news footage from the early '90s. An anchor touting the accomplishments of western Texas' Permian Basin Drug Task Force. And then a young, close-shorn, sharp-eyed Cooper from behind the wheel of his patrol car: "There's not a single day that goes by on the interstate where we don't put somebody in jail for narcotics."

The present-day Cooper shakes his head. "I'm always embarrassed when I see those clips," he says. "What an asshole!"

Today Barry Cooper makes a living helping pot smokers stay out of jail through his self-produced *Never Get Busted* DVDs (*Volume 1: Traffic Stops* and *Volume 2: Never Get Raided*). For $20 he reveals every trick of the police trade and offers tips for circumventing authorities, such as carrying a cat in your car to distract drug dogs and placing your stash in a plastic baggie, then burying it inside a jar of peanut butter in a cooler to hide the odor. Since the first DVD's release in December 2006, Cooper estimates he's sold more than 50,000 copies of both volumes, netting more than half a million dollars. (He also works as an expert witness, collecting up to $5,000 to testify in drug-search cases.) His engaging late-night infomercials, as well as his appearances on Fox News arguing against America's drug laws, have earned him cult status among stoners and sober insomniacs alike.

"The drug war is a failed policy, and the legal side effects on the families are worse than the drugs," Cooper says. "Prohibition doesn't work. The first example is Adam and Eve. God put them in the garden and prohibited just one thing: fruit. And there was this one cop to watch them—God—and they *still* did it."

Cooper's latest venture is a reality show called *KopBusters*, wherein he, Candi, and a team of rogue enforcers catch corrupt "kops" (his spelling) who are using illegal arrest tactics and committing crimes. And while the show gets shopped around to networks, he and Candi are busy raising funds for Cooper's next great crusade: his campaign for Texas attorney general. "The war on drugs is really a war on people," Cooper says. "The first thing I'm gonna do when I'm attorney general is end that crazy bullshit."

THE COOPER HOME IS NEAT AND SPARSELY DECORATED. IN A CORNER is *Never Get Busted*'s headquarters: a laptop on the floor where Cooper's oldest daughter and "office manager," Kelsie, 17, handles orders, surrounded by DVDs and cardboard boxes. Kelsie finished just one year of traditional high school, but because of Texas' permissive homeschooling rules, her father was able to issue her a diploma from NeverGetBusted.com, which allowed her to enroll in a junior college at 16. Soon she'll be moving into her own apartment.

"CRAP, MY WEED GARDEN HAS WEEDS IN IT!"

"She's a grown woman," Cooper says. "We taught our children how to navigate this planet safely. Instead of teaching them 'don't cuss, smoke, and have sex' like the churches teach—while all their kids are cussing, smoking, and having sex—we spend our time on character, honor, integrity, respect, kindness, and love."

They also teach them that D.A.R.E., the nationwide drug-resistance education program instituted in the '80s, is a load of crap. "We sent a letter to the kids' school because we don't allow them to take the D.A.R.E. classes," says Candi, a petite brunette clad in heels, a long wrap skirt, and a bikini top that exposes a navel ring, while she stands in the kitchen making Mexican pizza for lunch.

A cross between Carol Brady and Victoria Gotti, Candi is nurturing one moment, lavishing her blended family with "I love you's," and street the next, cursing while rolling a joint. When she complains that her back hurts, Cooper springs to give her a massage.

"I think it's from her implants," he says, kneading the space between her shoulder blades. "She's getting a little older, and it hurts your back having to carry them around."

When they married six years ago, she and Barry each brought two ex-spouses and two children into the relationship. Kelsie and 13-year-old daughter Kensie are Cooper's kids with his first wife; the boys—Colton, 11, and Zach, seven—are Candi's by her first husband. The family is affectionate and respectful, but the Brady bunch they're not.

When I ask Kelsie if she smokes marijuana, she coyly nods, although she says not nearly as much as her father. He smokes several times a day, "like a prescription or something." His diagnosed ailment? Irritation and occasional anxiety.

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BARRY AND CANDI COOPER: LOVE POT, HATE SHIRTS.

The couple met in 1999 when Cooper—who had already left law enforcement, started a nondenominational church, and purchased a used-car lot—was on the last leg of his first marriage. Candi was engaged to one of Cooper's car salesmen; Rev. Barry performed the ceremony.

By the time Candi's marriage collapsed, Cooper himself was on Wife No. 2, though things weren't going well. "That crazy bitch ran my limo into a tree because she was drunk, chasing me through a pasture," he says. "She totaled it on purpose! I was hiding in the woods thinking, *Man, I hope that bitch is dead!* She got out—not a scratch on her." When that unholy union fell apart, Cooper turned to Candi for affection—and dope. "I was the *Weeds* mom, except I lived in the ghetto," she says. "I didn't want to strip, so I said, 'Screw this. I'm gonna sell some pot.' Barry was one of my best customers."

"Candi saved my life," Cooper says, sitting down at the kitchen table to roll a joint. "I was an alcoholic, drinking massive amounts of vodka. She would hand me a pot cigarette and say, 'Try this.'" It was a match made in "Purple Haze" heaven.

COOPER WAS BORN IN CALIFORNIA. HIS PARENTS DIVORCED WHEN HE was 12, and his father moved the family from San Diego to tiny Hallsville, Texas (population: 2,700; stoplights: one). "My parents taught me that anybody who did drugs was evil," he says. "Our church lied to us about masturbation being a sin. Do you know how hard that is on a little boy who loves the Lord?"

Growing up, Cooper was a solid athlete and a decent student, but he was directionless. Then, three years after he graduated from high school, he saw an episode of *Cops*. "That show changed my life," he says. "I called my friend and said, 'Hey, you wanna go be a cop?'"

So, in 1990, 20-year-old Cooper and his best friend, Russell Harris—who would later become his brother-in-law and later still his archenemy—entered the police academy. In just three months they were members of the Gladewater police force.

Eager and ambitious, Cooper moved on a year later—from dispatcher to narc patrol in neighboring Big Sandy. When he heard about an officer with the Texas Department of Public Safety who was making record drug seizures, he was intrigued. As he explains in his first DVD, being a cop is a near-constant adrenaline surge that turns officers into addicts: "When you first break out of the academy, your hand shakes writing a traffic ticket, and you get that rush. Well, after writing 500 tickets it's no longer a big deal, so you need more... Interdiction officers are not out here to help American people. Cops are doing it for the fame and the adrenaline. Because after a big drug bust there's a big party, and that officer is considered a celebrity."

Cooper decided to learn the secrets of the Public Safety officer's success. On days off he went on ride-alongs and took notes. (Example: Pull over any profiled vehicle—too ratty or too fancy, driven by an African-American or a Mexican—and make up a reason for it later.)

"That guy taught me how to be corrupt," Cooper says, leaning back in his chair. "Mimicking him is what made me one of our nation's top highway interdiction officers. I went back home, where they'd never made any drug arrests, and—pow!—I got 11 pounds of marijuana out of the roof of a car with my dog that I had trained."

With his golden retriever, Toby, at his side, Cooper racked up 100 drug busts in two years along Big Sandy's five short miles of highway. In 1992 he was named the town's Officer of the Year. As his reputation grew, he was recruited by the Permian Basin Drug Task Force, a powerful but controversial state agency that operated across 15 counties in southwest Texas—*Friday Night Lights* territory.

If he couldn't obtain a motorist's consent to search, Cooper would get probable cause by making Toby falsely signal that he'd detected drugs. Fabricating evidence or inventing informants to get a warrant wasn't just acceptable; it was encouraged. So was stealing cash from drug dealers and others who wouldn't tell.

By the time he returned to Gladewater to head up the narcotics squad three years later, he was stealing not only cash but the drugs he confiscated, too. At first he used the swiped pot to train his dog. But then he got curious: "I was thinking, What is going on that people are willing to risk going to jail to do it?"

"I absolutely loved what the marijuana did to me," Cooper recalls. "It made me laugh so hard I felt my ribs were going to break, and I didn't have any of the aggression that comes from drinking."

After his conversion, Cooper couldn't bring himself to arrest anyone for marijuana-related offenses. But he continued to pursue other drug users with no-holds-barred tactics, behavior that increasingly garnered negative attention rather than accolades. In 1997 the DEA kicked off an inquiry into his investigation tactics. While he was cleared of any wrongdoing, Cooper left Gladewater to become a reserve officer back in Big Sandy. Then, shortly after his arrival, he and the department were hit with a civil suit stemming from an illegal search. The department settled the case for $10,000, but Cooper's enthusiasm for police work had died. In 1998 he left for good.

OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, COOPER GREW INCREASINGLY BITTER about the drug war and his role in it. But his decision to work for the other side was really fueled by his personal battles with East Texas law enforcement. He was arrested several times for bar fights and charged with theft of service for failing to return two DVDs to a local video store. His friendship with Russell Harris—already strained after Harris sided with Cooper's first wife (the sister of Harris' wife) during their divorce—turned toxic when Harris, a county constable, interfered in the custody battle for Cooper's daughters, executing a raid on Cooper's home. "They took me to jail for not returning *Jeepers Creepers* and *Jeepers Creepers 2*. I was having to pee in a cup and all that bullshit. I asked Candi, 'Should I make a film about this crazy drug war, how not to get busted?'"

The question was answered after they scoured several issues of

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High Times, Cannabis Culture, and *Skunk* and didn't find mention of a single film or book on the subject. Using a four-minute video that outlined his proposal, Cooper secured financing for the *Never Get Busted* series. *Volume 1: Traffic Stops* was released Christmas Day 2006.

Barry and Candi thought their customers would only be stoners, but the idea of a narc crossing over to the dark side generated big sales. Last year they released *Volume 2: Never Get Raided,* which contains instructions on how to spot informants and undercover cops and how to grow your own marijuana without being detected.

Cooper's patrons and supporters aren't just addicts or wack jobs. A skim of "customer reviews" on his Web site reveals laudatory comments from self-identified former cops, army officers, preachers, and parents, all praising what they see as Cooper's valiant defense of civil rights, his sensible condemnation of an unwinnable drug war, and his compassion for families whose loved ones have been jailed for seemingly minor marijuana offenses.

He has a few high-profile believers, too, such as '70s stoner-culture icon Tommy Chong, star of *Up in Smoke*. Chong was arrested in 2003 as part of the government's "Operation Pipe Dreams" for distributing bongs and other marijuana paraphernalia online. He was slapped with a $20,000 fine and a nine-month stay in a federal prison.

"I know from personal experience how a corrupt Department of Justice can wreak havoc on a person's life," Chong says. "Nine months in prison for a bong? Cooper is in the perfect position to 'out' his former employers and to pass on advice to the millions of peaceful pot smokers."

Cooper's cause has also gotten a couple of recent political assists. In March the Justice Department announced it would no longer prosecute the legal pot dispensaries operating in more than a dozen states. And in June Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank introduced a bill that, if passed, could decriminalize possession of "personal use" marijuana (less than 100 grams) nationally.

Among his former ranks, however, there is no love lost for Cooper. Tom Finley, his commander at the Permian Basin Task Force, praised Cooper to the Associated Press in 2006, saying, "He was even better than he says he was. He had a knack for finding drugs and made more arrests and more seizures than all the other agents combined. He was probably the best narcotics officer in the state and maybe the country." Today Finley refuses to discuss Cooper or *NGB*. ("Tom was like a father to me," Cooper says. "I loved him. He hates me now, and if he can't see the harms of the drug war, then I hate him, too.")

Wendy Murphy, an attorney and law professor in Boston who debated Cooper on Fox News in 2007, says the problem with Cooper's tactics is that they're ineffective and irresponsible. "There's a big difference between supporting the reform of laws you think are unfair, which is an important citizenship responsibility, and teaching people how to violate the law," Murphy says. "Those are acts of anarchy. You can't expect to make change by throwing bombs."

Cooper's own father turned on him as well, but he has the full support of his siblings. Younger brother Steve, also an ex-cop, believes his brother's DVDs are helping people understand the laws and their rights, not how to commit a crime. "The drug war is a huge waste of time, money, and human life," Steve says. "Show me some real results and I would feel different. Until then I have to side with reality."

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE COOPER household looks pretty much like Saturday. The whole family is moving slowly after staying up until two or three in the morning dancing in the living room. "We spend a lot of time with our kids, and it pays off," says Cooper. "You don't have a ruckus." Candi, outfitted in a negligee and heels, is whipping up eggs, sausage, and biscuits for breakfast. Cooper, wearing shoes but no shirt, packs a cooler for the couple's afternoon at Hippie Hollow, a nude beach about 20 minutes away.

He talks passionately about *KopBusters*. (Thus far A&E and Tru have passed, citing their reluctance to anger law enforcement.) But his run for attorney general is his real focus right now. Cooper says he truly believes that a narc with a record of petty arrests turned marijuana advocate can win, even in this law-and-order state.

"They'll pay attention to me when I fund-raise the first million dollars," he says. "They won't be able to ignore me like last time." "Last time" was his 2008 run for Congress in the conservative 31st District, when he received a whopping three percent of the vote.

This campaign will be different, he says, because he has a real cause: "The crimes people are interested in are crimes against persons and property. We're kicking child molesters out of prison at alarming rates to make room for the 750,000 pot smokers who are arrested every year."

Just thinking about the injustice of so many people in prison on trumped-up drug charges has him feeling irritated and anxious. He strikes his lighter and fires up a freshly rolled blunt.

HIGH TIMES
A HISTORY OF POT-LOVING PEOPLE.

1200 B.C.
Hindus declare cannabis "sacred grass" and begin offering it to the Supreme God, Shiva, who needs multiple sets of arms to smoke it *and* eat Doritos.

1700s
Hemp is George Washington's primary crop. He declares, "Make the most of hemp...by huffing it with a gigantic bong." (Paraphrasing that last part.)

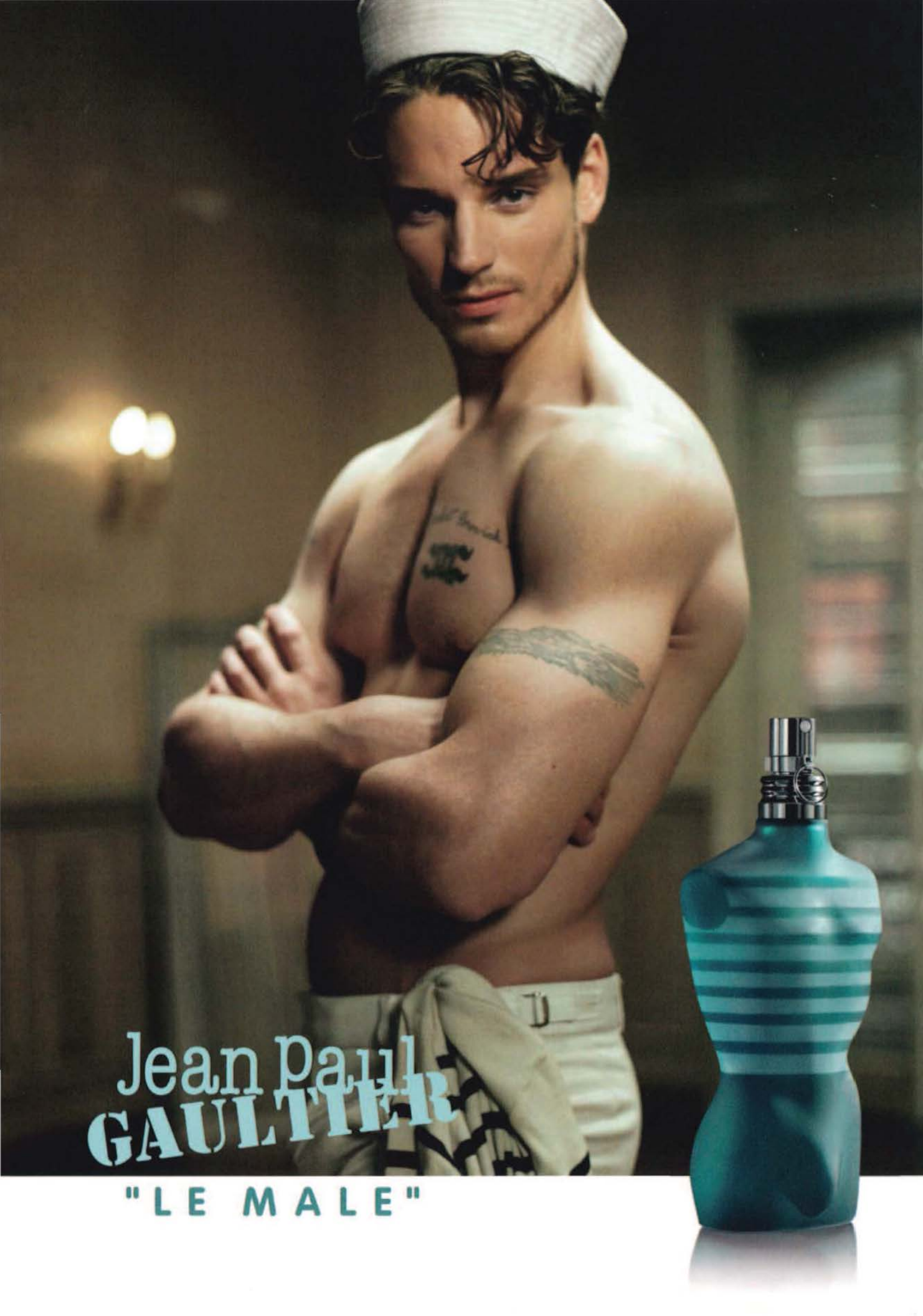
1965
According to John Lennon, the Beatles smoke up in a Buckingham Palace bathroom right before receiving awards from the queen. Pussies McCartney and Harrison deny it.

1972
Somebody fires up a joint while listening to *The Wall* and watching *The Wizard of Oz,* inventing the best way to kill three hours in college short of sleeping through language lab.

1981
Diff'rent Strokes: Willis smokes pot in order to fit in at his new high school. Mr. Drummond flushes the bag down the toilet, but Todd Bridges doesn't quite get the message.

1992
Bill Clinton explains that he does not like marijuana because he tried it and "didn't inhale." Later debates the meaning of the word "is" before a grand jury. Probably high at the time.

2007
Presidential candidate Barack Obama tells an interviewer that he "inhaled frequently. That was the point." Instantly secures youth vote.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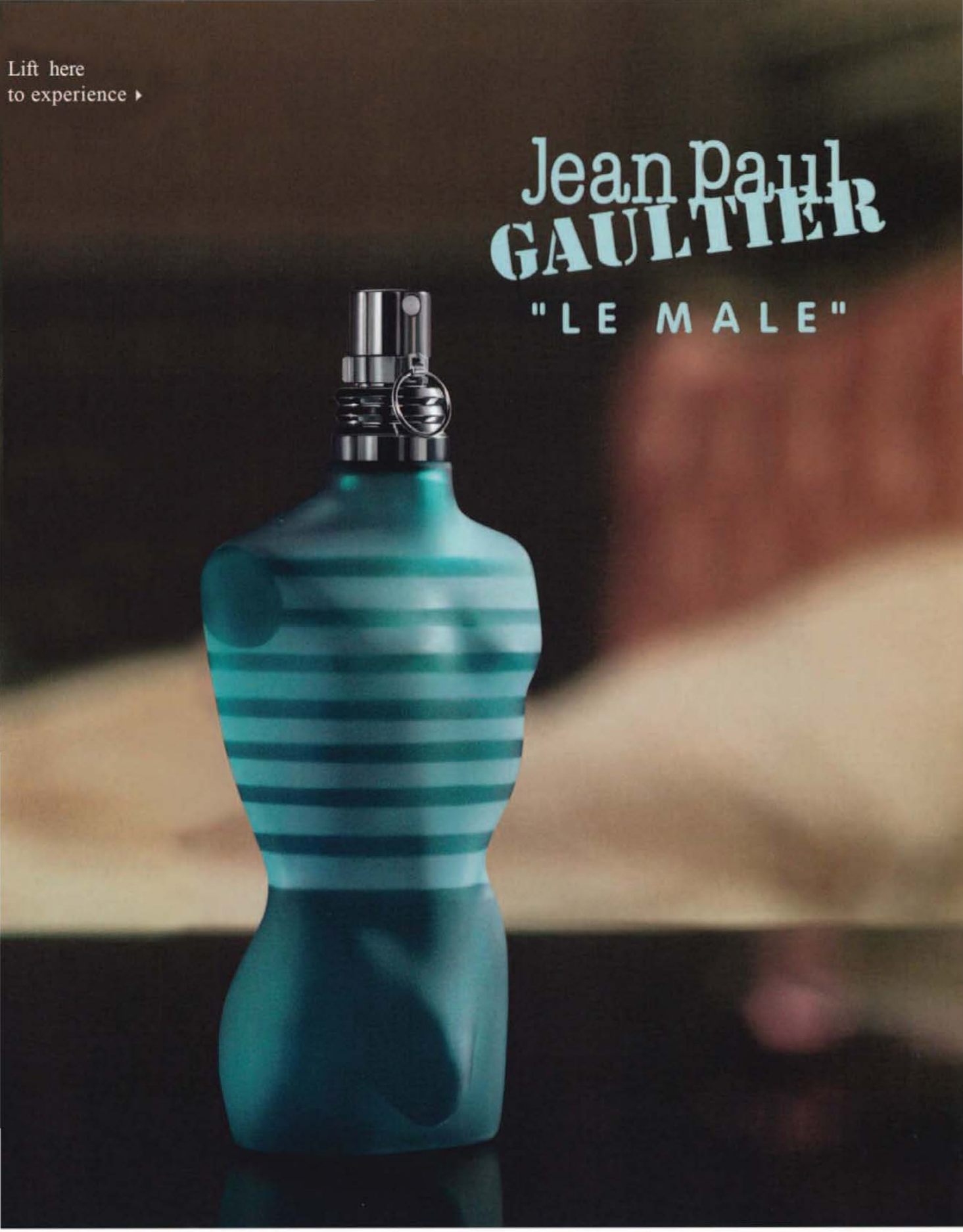

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Is it a Hoax or Do They Really Work?

Dr. Daniel Stein, M.D.

I wish I had a dollar for every patient or person that asked me over the last few years about increasing the size of "that certain part of the male body." The preoccupation with size that men have is a mystery to most women. The fact is it is completely normal for most men to want to be larger. It doesn't matter if they are smaller than average, average, or larger than average. It's even been my experience that guys that are almost too big, so big in fact that many women wont go near them with a ten foot pole (sorry about that) still want to be larger!

I was so intrigued by this fact that I started to do research about the "so called" male enhancement pills that came on the market several years ago. The concept that a simple pill could noticeably increase the size of a man's organ seemed plausible, but I wanted to know more. I had done much research over the years about certain sexually enhancing compounds available, so I believed the concept was sound that a pill could be made to make a man larger.

My first task was to look at some of the ads I had seen in magazines for male enhancement. There were some amazing claims by many of these makers. My personal favorite was a cream that claimed to make men instantly larger. I had to laugh out loud when I read what it said. The ad read, "apply cream, rub vigorously, increase your size." I thought for a minute and then decided you could put virtually anything on a man, including guacamole, and if he rubbed vigorously it would increase his size. Then there was an ad for a pill, that if taken daily, would increase the length of a man by 3 to 4 inches in just a few *short* days (sorry about the "short" comment).

I'm sorry, but after all those years of medical school, I know enough about anatomy to know that a guy who is 5 inches in length isn't going to add 3 to 4 inches to his little friend unless he buys a rope, gets a large brick, finds a bridge and...well, you get the picture. At about this time I was beginning to think that perhaps these makers hadn't found the magic mixture of compounds I had hoped they might have.

As the founder of both the Stein Medical Institute and the Foundation for Intimacy, I have spent most of my adult life trying to improve men and

"a simple pill could noticeably increase the size of a man's organ seemed plausible..."

women's sexual health. I pride myself on being the best medical doctor I can be and my reputation is important to me. So, when out of the clear blue sky, I got a call from the makers of Extenze, the leader in male enhancement, wanting me to be in one of their TV commercials, I thought, "Boy, did they pick the wrong guy!"

Little did they know that I had done real research into this concept and had recently looked at some of these male enhancement products. But the makers of Extenze seemed to be genuinely convinced that their product really worked, and they claim to have sold over 100 million capsules to men all over the world. "Over 100 million capsules taken by men." With that single declaration, they had my interest. Either Extenze really worked or these guys were the world's greatest snake oil salesmen. So I requested that they send me Extenze formula so I could review it, then we would talk.

I then visited the Extenze.com web site, where I found a page that showed the top twelve adult film stars, all holding Extenze and endorsing it. I thought to myself, "Is it possible Extenze actually works?"

The next day I received the proprietary Extenze formula and there it was, virtually all of the ingredients that I hoped would be in a male enhancement product, 19 pharmaceutical grade nutraceuticals. There was Yohimbe (which used to be available by prescription only,) L-Arginine, Maca...all of it was there.

I contacted the makers of Extenze the very next day and asked them what they needed me for. They explained that they had a desire to have a medical doctor in their T.V. commercials to talk about the effectiveness of the ingredients in Extenze. At that moment an idea sprang into my head. I told them if they would let me improve the formula of Extenze, I would do the commercial for free!

Before I knew it I was working with their

"they claim to have sold almost a quarter of a billion capsules to men"

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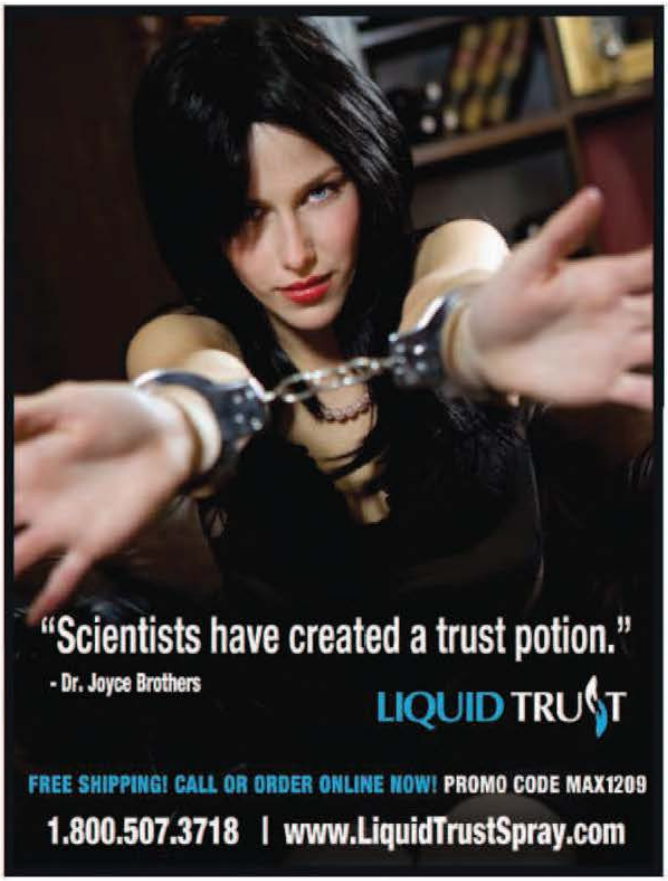
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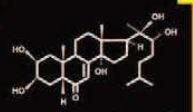

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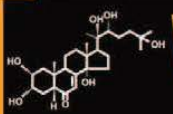

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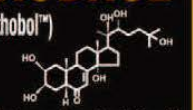

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B. Snack bar at the paintball park
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A B C

When's the last time you had sex?
A. This week
B. A month ago
C. Memorial Day weekend, 2002

A C B

True or false: You currently have Buffalo wing sauce crusted around your mouth.

FALSE TRUE

True or false: The type of people you date think sending you a picture of their genitals counts as flirting.

TRUE FALSE

Which of these most closely resembles your "clubbing shirt"?

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C A B

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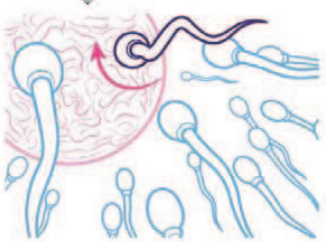

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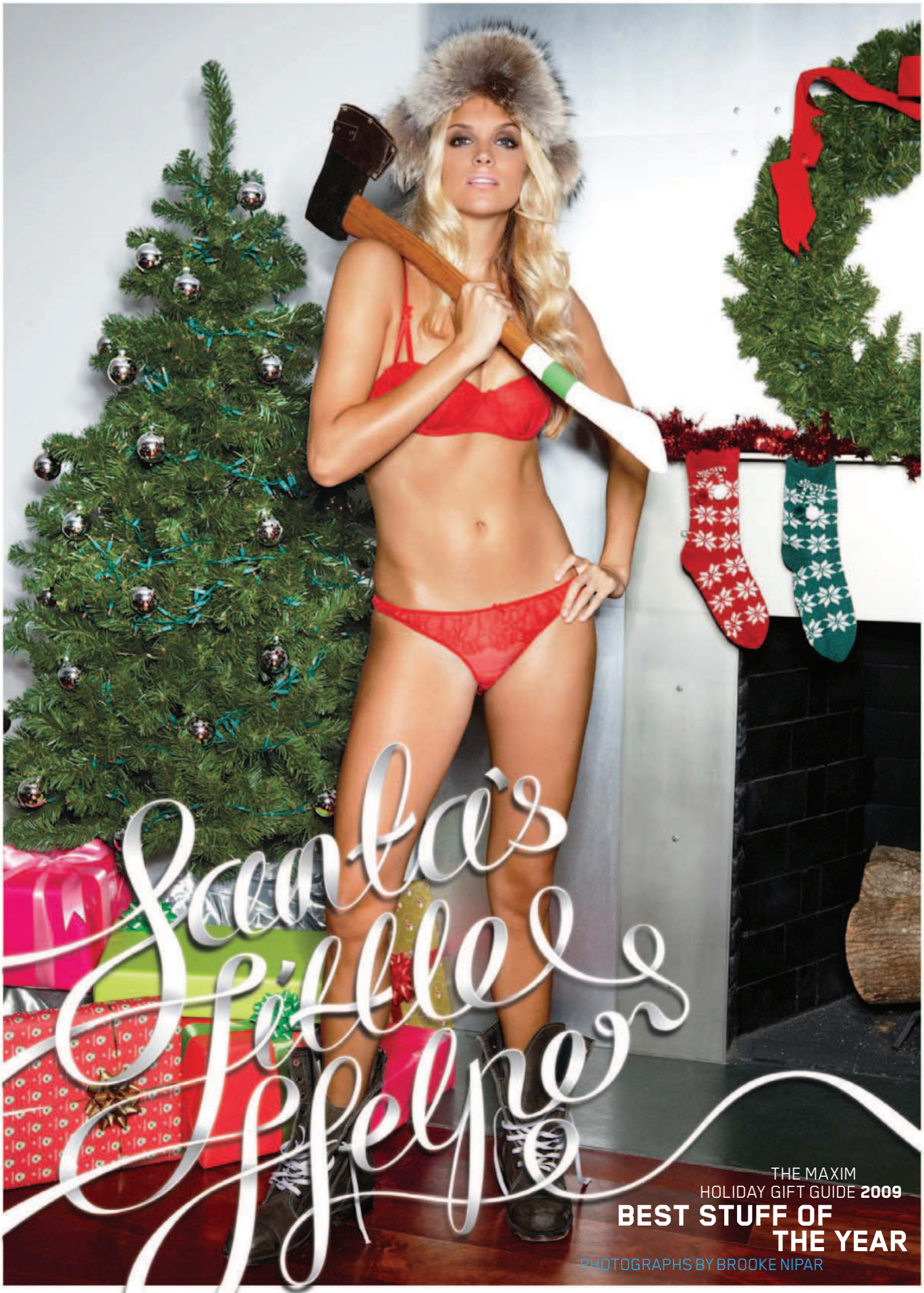

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Coleman Quad Lantern

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Sierra Designs Nitro 30

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Elle Macpherson bra and panty; **Cesare Paciotti** shoes

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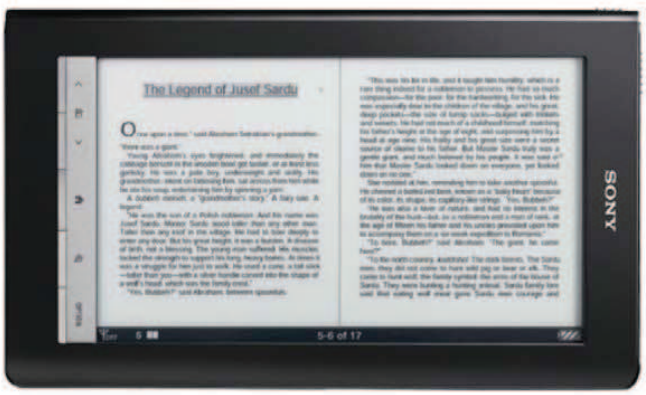

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bluemic.com $150

From left: **Elle Macpherson** bra and panty; **Cesare Paciotti** shoes; **Deborah Marquit** panty

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Mimi Holliday
bra and panty

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randolphusa.com $99

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ridepdw.com $40

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stanleytools.com $79

American Apparel tube bra; **L.L. Bean** flannel boxers, $30 for two; **Michael Kors** watch, $180; **British Apparel** socks, $120 for three

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llbean.com | from $50

From left: **Kiki de Montparnasse** bra; **René Rofe** boy shorts; **Deborah Marquit** bra and panty

Levi's jacket, $130; **Betsey Johnson** bra and panty; **Jezebel** cami and panty

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If your Wii has languished in dust bunnies ever since that elbow injury you sustained in 2007, *Resort* will give you reason to resurrect the great white console; for a limited time, the game comes with two MotionPlus add-ons.

amazon.com $60

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Deborah Marquit
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1/ "Did you know that 'Jingle Bells, Batman Smells' was written by L. Ron Hubbard?"

2/ "Is *A Nightmare Before Christmas* a Christmas movie or a Halloween movie?"

3/ "Rudolph had to be altered when published in China because the direct translation was criminally offensive."

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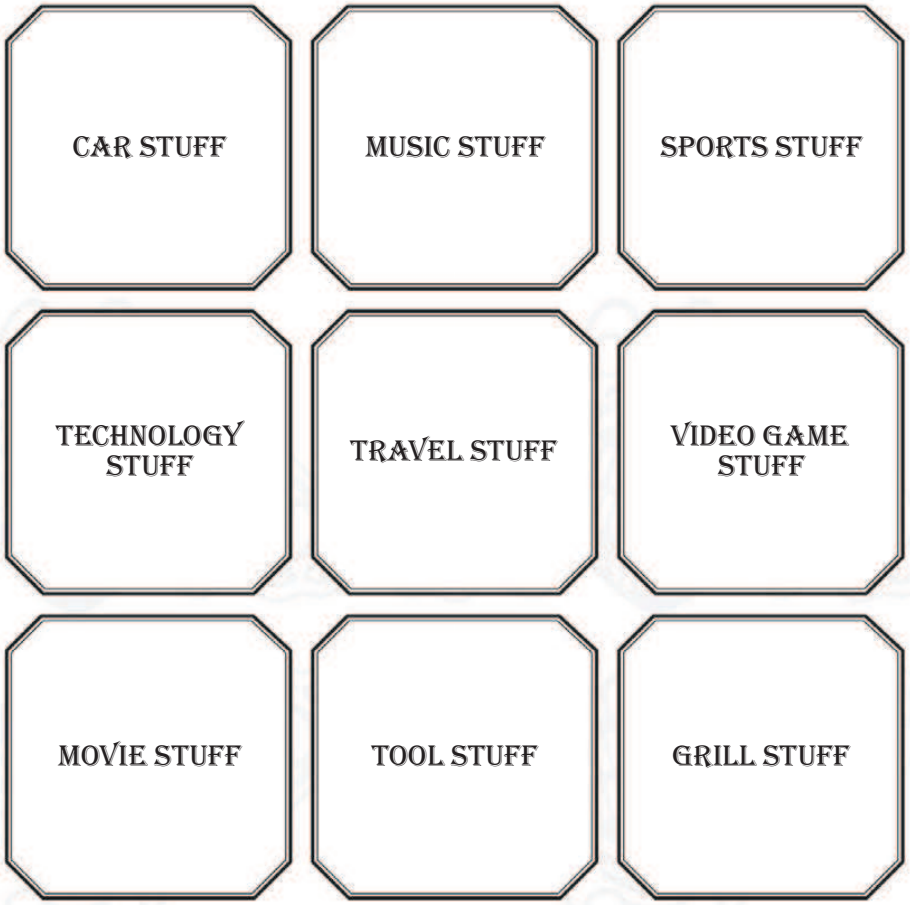

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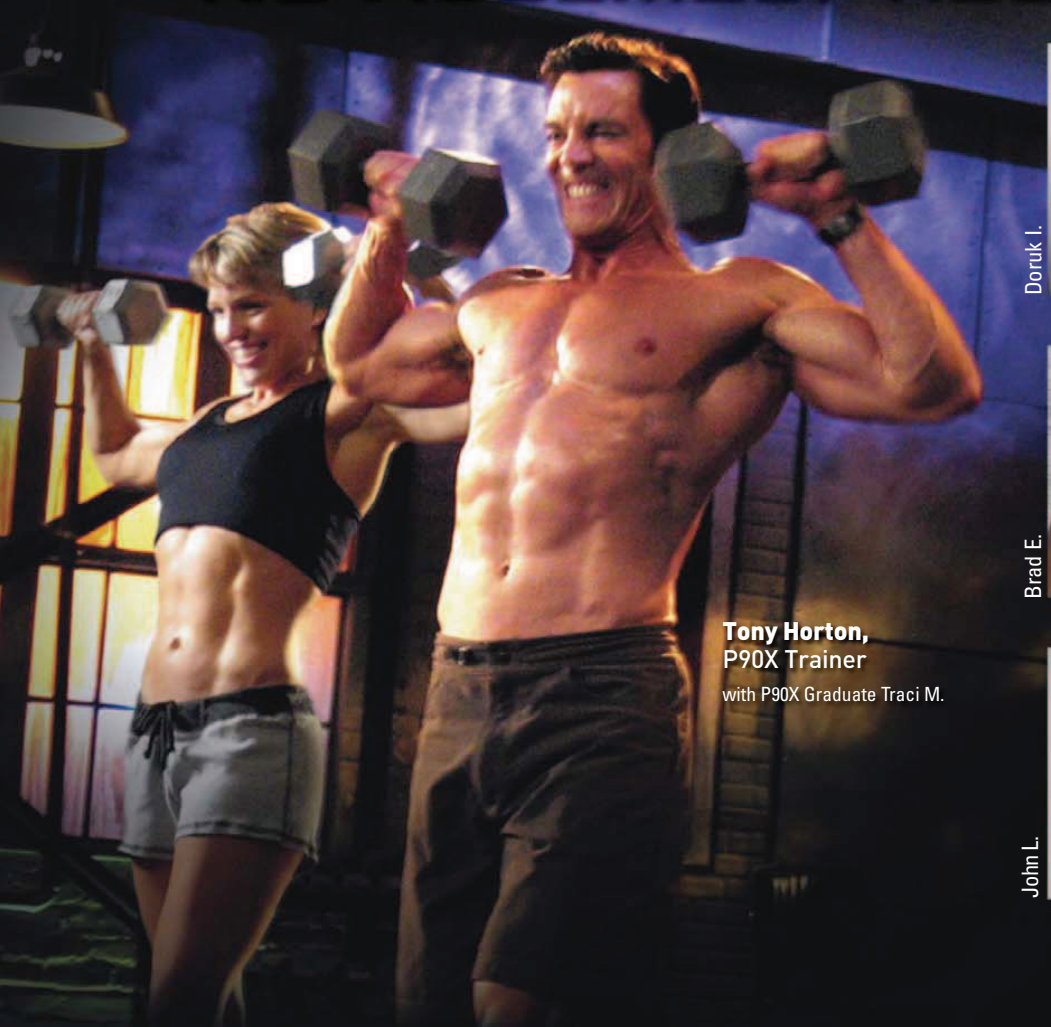

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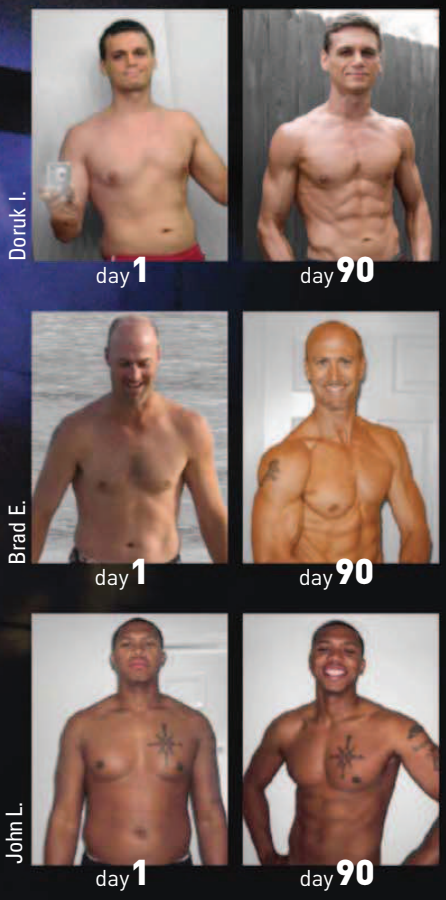

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